

# The Journal

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## North Checking Out

### Road closure info

Motorists can call TravInfo at 817-1717 for immediate road closure and traffic information 24 hours a day. The free service, sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, provides up to the minute reports on major roadways and oil Bay Area highways.

TravInfo has its headquarters at the Caltrans District 4 traffic management center, where all Caltrans and Highway Patrol information reported on accidents and road closures due to flooding. The center is also connected with each county's Office of Emergency Services for constantly updated status reports.

Travelers need only dial 817-1717 from anywhere in the Bay Area and "2" for "Traffic Conditions."

### Tax form help

Free assistance in the preparation of Federal and California State tax forms is available to taxpayers over 65 years of age from Feb. 2 to April 15. The service is provided at many locations throughout Contra Costa County for taxpayers who have been trained by the direction of Federal and State agencies. Details: (800) 300-0077.

### Connecting Kids?

"Connecting Kids," technology for kids, is the goal of a joint effort by Albany Education Foundation and the National International-Albany to raise \$10,000 to provide automation for Albany Middle School library and a local Internet station expressly for use during off-school hours for the Albany City Library. The two groups are sponsoring a Country Western Dance Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave., Albany. Doors open at 6 p.m. In addition to dinner, dancing, raffle and silent auction, the event features a grand prize drawing for a \$2,500 travel gift certificate from Full Circle Travel, and cash prizes. Tickets for the prize drawing, \$5 each or \$5 for \$20, may be obtained from AEF at 1320 Solano Ave., Suite 102. Tickets for the Country Western Dance are \$15 per person advance, \$18 at the door. They may be obtained from AEF, the Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., or Glass, 640 San Pablo Ave., or AEF board member or Soroptimist member. Details: 524-7797.

### Black History stories

To celebrate Black History Month, the Friends of the El Cerrito Library are sponsoring a special program for all ages and all ages on Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. Nationally renowned storyteller, Felicia Felton, will entertain with stories of Africa and share traditions of African culture in this 45-minute program at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Golden Ave. Details: 526-7512.

### Explore Himalayas

Today is February Senior Day at Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. At 2 p.m. see Exploring the Himalayas: Tibet & Kashmir. This mystic land, once closed to the world, was discovered by James Hilton called Shangri-La. The journey begins in India's state of Kashmir, at Srinagar, then to Leh, home to eight of the world's 10 highest peaks. Trek the Annapurna Mountains, visit the wild Trisuli River, ride on the Chitwan National Park, and the engaging Sherpa people living in the shadow of Mt. Everest. Arrangements provided by Albany Friends of the Library. Details: 745-1199.

### Radio for dads

Father Time with Doug Spangler, a radio show for and about dads, is broadcast from 11 a.m. to noon on KEGG-FM in El Cerrito. On Jan. 12, Jim Walker, co-founder of Walker, Walker and Associates, discusses what dads need to know now about getting their kids into college. And Bob Case, Contra Costa's Agricultural Department, discusses effective pest management for your home and neighbor.



Robert Outis with the hefty legal motion detailing three years of CRG legal services.

## Ladbroke will contest CRG's attorneys' tab

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—In case you were wondering what Bob Outis, attorney for the Citizens for Responsible Government, has been up to for the past three years, a motion for attorneys' fees filed on Jan. 20 should clear up any doubt. Never a fan of gambling, Outis nonetheless rolled the dice in a big, big way in taking on CRG vs. the City of Albany, and, courts permitting, he now hopes to collect legal fees for his client to the tune of \$935,433.11.

From the 6.75 hours Outis spent on Jan. 8, 1995 researching exhaustion of CRG's administrative remedies to the .65 hours he spent in October 1997 sending e-mails and faxes, Outis has most certainly been a very busy man. During the past three years, he racked up 1,662.90 hours of what he feels are billable services, at a cost of \$250 an hour, which have in turn multiplied by a "fee enhancement" factor of 1.5.

"We will work hard in contesting the motion. I think it's obscene," said Ladbroke Vice President John Ford, vowing, as always, to fight on. As for who will foot the bill if CRG proves successful, Ford said: "Gosh, I haven't even looked at that issue," and added, "I think the whole thing is obscene."

The motion for attorneys' fees stems from CRG's partial victory in appeal court last summer. See LEGAL on page 19

## EC picks General Plan consultant

Priority: Maximizing public input on city's guiding document

By J. R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The city council voted unanimously Monday to hire a Berkeley-based consultative firm to help the City draft its new General Plan that will bring El Cerrito into the 21st century.

City Planner Edward Phillips told the council that the company, Moore Iacofano Goldsman Inc. (MIG), "is a recognized specialist in community involvement techniques." Phillips and the council emphasized that community participation in the planning process is a major goal. The MIG proposal, chosen from six submitted by consulting firms from San Francisco

to Visalia, calls for three city-wide public workshops following an initial "vision festival" kick-off. To reach those who don't have time to attend workshops, questionnaires will be mailed out, as will a "do-it-yourself" workshop kit. Three joint city council/planning commission work sessions are planned as are several public hearings.

A company called Economic and Planning Systems Inc. (EPS), will provide economic and fiscal analysis. A staff report prepared for the council notes that the reports from EPS will be used as reference points or "reality checks" throughout the community process.

The General Plan, mandated by state law, will serve as an overall guiding blueprint for El Cerrito during the next 10 to 20 years. Elements of the plan include land use, transportation, housing, open space, neighborhood preservation and public safety issues. The state has already given El Cerrito a two-year extension to develop and adopt a General Plan and the City now has until May 1, 1999.

Members of the public who spoke at the meeting generally gave MIG good marks. The city has used the firm in the past and people seem to be happy with it.

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## I-80 diamond lanes finally open

By Chris Treadway

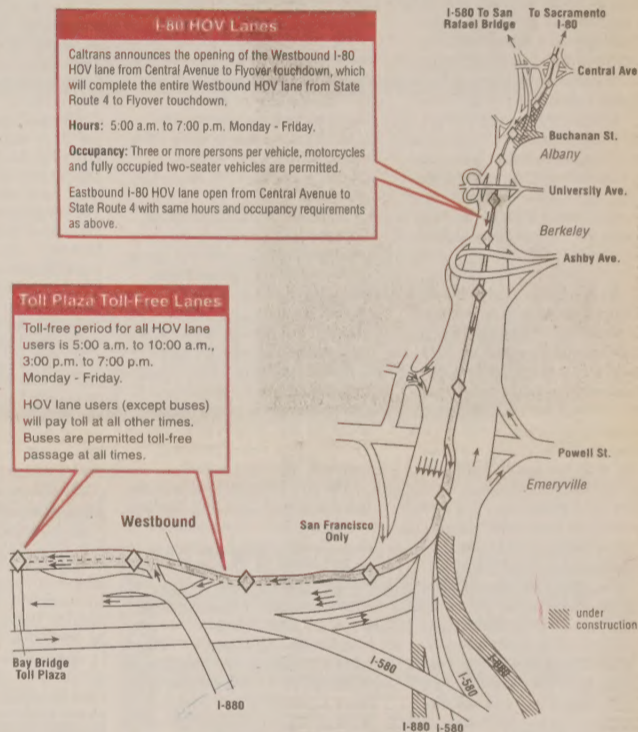
OAKLAND — We're No. 1 and probably will continue to be even with Monday's opening of the last westbound section of Interstate 80's new high-occupancy-vehicle lane. Residents of cities along the Eastshore corridor already know all too well that their stretch of freeway is the most chronically congested in the Bay Area and among the top in the state.

Crews scurried last weekend to change signs and put the finishing touches on the diamond lane section from Central Avenue to the Bay Bridge. "It's only six miles, but its six of the most congested and heavily traveled miles in the Bay Area," said Bill Hein, Metropolitan Transportation Commission deputy executive director. Hein, one of several officials speaking at a press conference at Caltrans district headquarters Friday, said the entire stretch will be "probably the premier HOV lane in the region, if not the state."

With the completion of the 16-1/2-mile HOV lane from Hercules to the Bay Bridge toll plaza, Caltrans officials predict lone commuters will see a negligible improvement in typical commute times — somewhere around five minutes.

"Initially, I think everyone is going to benefit," said Albert Yee, Caltrans area head of highway op-

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## City leaders need to hear from you

We've had a lot of response in our effort to convince El Cerrito to act in a timely manner and rename two parks in honor of two of its most deserving citizens, but we need even more. Fill out and send (or fax, 339-4066) the form below. Feel free to photocopy and give it to friends, relatives and co-workers. Kensingtonians and Albanians are welcome to join in as well. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

### To the El Cerrito City Council:

☐ Yes, I would like you to honor two of our most upstanding citizens, Mr. Sundar Shadi and Mr. Elmer Freethy, by renaming parks for each of them. They have been contributing and dedicated members of our community for decades, and deserved to be honored in a timely fashion.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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You can mail this to The Journal, PO Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530; drop it off at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.; or fax it to 339-4066

## City moves to curb traffic by school

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — If you're planning to break any traffic laws in the city, don't do it in the Harding Elementary School area because, as City Councilmember Gina Brusatori pointed out: "Moving citations will be given out generously."

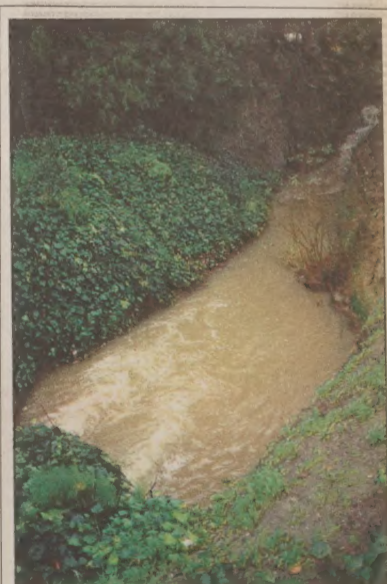
In a report before the council this week, El Cerrito Police Chief Linda Fellers said that her officers "are making the transition from warnings to citations." Since last fall the police have stepped up their presence in the area after citizen complaints of unsafe drivers, particularly in morning traffic at the Ashbury-Fairmont intersection. Last November police issued three moving citations and one parking ticket. Last month the numbers had risen to 14 moving citations and eight parking citations. There were two reported traffic accidents in the area in 1997, neither involving students.

Even so, many parents have long worried about student safety around the school. Janet Abelson, President of the Harding School PTA, told the council last December that she has seen many near misses between pedestrians and autos in the area and that some people who drive through the area "are not child-friendly."

Chief Fellers told the council that Harding School will soon have an adult crossing guard. The guard position will be paid for 50/50 by the city and the PTA and will be funded as a pilot project for the remainder of the school year. The City is currently advertising the position.

Other safety measures such as flashing lights, signs and pavement and curb markings are also being studied. Councilmember

Larry Damon asked about the possibility of using a video camera or cameras to promote traffic safety. Fellers said there are legal problems with using such cameras to issue traffic citations. She did note, however, that video cameras could act as a deterrent to traffic law violators.



## El Niño arrives

On Monday morning the flow of rainwater was near the top of the culvert where Cerrito Creek runs past the El Cerrito Plaza. As rains saturated the area further on Tuesday there were more problems, including over-worked storm drains and a fallen tree on Cerrito Street in Albany, and a reported mudslide on Ronger Court in El Cerrito. Contrary to the impression readers may have gotten in last week's issue, however, Patti and Steve's Auto Care, while it had to contend with a Caltrans-aided overflow of water, is dry, secure and open for business.

## Ace of Cups

By Greg Hugunin

# Of treehouses, cardrooms, and things left unsaid

"...an intimation of that which may lie behind the Lesser Arcana ... House of the true heart, joy, content, abode, nourishment, abundance, fertility, holy table, felicity hereof."

So in case you missed it, Albany finally made it onto the Ten O'Clock News a few weeks back, a rare occurrence, for sure, but deserved nonetheless. No, the good people at Channel 2 still don't care a whit about that pesky cardroom, nor about the pooh-shooting City of Berkeley's sewer overflows or even the pending destruction of Solano Avenue. Instead, their ace feature reporter paid a visit to ... you guessed it ... the infamous Albany Treehouse.

The treehouse! There it was, beamed direct into endless thousands of Bay Area homes, Glen Elder still pursuing what has become his White Whale. As of last week, word had it treehouse peace talks had stalled, and if they prove fruitless, well, it's to the City Council, and after that, God forbid, to the courts. And by the way, if you're wondering how KTVU happened upon this bit of two-month-old news: an inside source ... and we're talking way inside ... says a certain gentleman from the very newspaper you're reading was at a party not long ago, thrown by a certain, unnamed third person, who happened to invite a certain Bob MacKenzie ...

(And koritsi-mou, my angel, if by some miracle you come across this desperate scree, I hope you find your way clear to heed that dear man's advice. Your Scorio moon!! My, how it burns! How I relive your kisses every night in my dreams ...)

So there, I've done it, I said it: I. Never, in more than two years, in some 300-odd stories (and yes, they are odd sometimes, aren't they?), in a quarter of a million words and a stack of newspapers two feet tall has Mr. Gregory B. Hugunin so blatantly pulled back the veil of Objectivity and used that short but deadly word. So naked! Oh, but big things are coming! I assure myself as I drive toward the mountains bearing skis and a cheap rubber football, the rain roaring down and the lightning popping like a flashbulb, the hail cracking like marbles off the windshield. On through Truckee, through Reno, through Carson City with its casinos and proper American homes, through Lee Vining, Calif. and into the immensity of a cold Western night. So many things to say, and me with all the space in the world to record them! Should I come up with something ... profound? Do I dare to coin a phrase? Ah, but thoughts are fleeting, and the end of the road is near, and as a wise man once said (or rather, sort of said): It's winter, the mountains are tall and deep with snow; my

six dear friends are waiting, and I'll never find it now ...

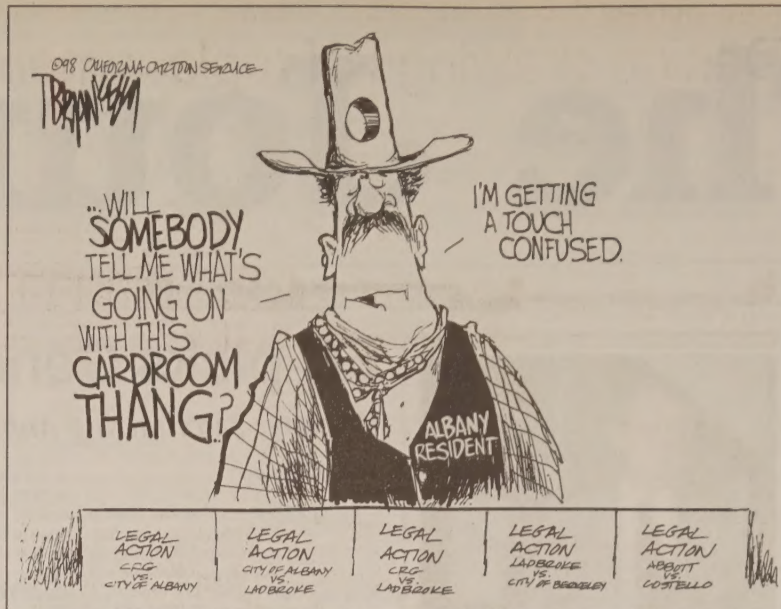
But back to the treehouse. Or rather, enough of the treehouse, let's talk about the cardroom, which took what appears to be yet another step toward the grave two weeks ago when the Citizens for Responsible Government sued Ladbroke's (and Albany's) behind yet again, requesting legal fees in the amount of \$935,433.11. If use of the word "wonderful" in proportion to the word "obscene" is any criteria for the British-based gaming giant's approval of the latest action, a recent interview with Ladbroke Vice President John Ford should dispel all doubt. As for CRG: they have yet to declare the matter a complete and total victory, and that delightfully cryptic letter to the editor of Nov. 20, 1997 from one Robert R. Outis ("Where are they when you need them?"), well, that was sent a few weeks before the Supreme Court refused to hear the matter, although I must say, in this case, *The Journal's* timing was impeccable.

Equally of interest is CRG President David Arkin's visit to the Council Chambers on Jan. 20, the very day the latest suit was filed. Bearing an olive branch? Well, you make the call, for "as a member of the group that everyone here is aware has some dispute going regarding the process surrounding the cardroom," he said, he just wanted to share a few excerpts from a pair of legal articles regarding *CRG vs the City of Albany*.

Some good has already come from the whole matter in the form of a legal precedent, he said, going on to read quotes such as "This case should put an end to the special treatment ... afforded development agreements — which have escaped (environmental) review for too long!" That's right, City Council, development agreements are indeed projects under the law. What a moment! Someone was wrong here, and someone, of course, was right.

The only thing missing was the flourish; something subtle, perhaps something that ... need not even be said. "I don't think I'm going to go so far as to thank the city for bringing this precedent to reality," Arkin concluded, "but I do think we've got some legal clarification here that both CRG and the City of Albany can be proud to have our names on." From the gallery, one heard a chuckle or two (and I know of at least one city official who did not approve in the least). Pretty funny guy, that CRG President David Arkin. And I agree: thanking them would have been a bit much.

Have an item for Gregory B? reachhim at ghugunin@aol.com  
If you don't have e-mail, what are you waiting for.



## Letters to the Editor

### Thanks from Albany PTA Council

The Albany PTA Council wishes to thank everyone who helped organize and who attended our recent program, "Where Arts Thou?", held at the Albany Community Center on Nov. 17, 1997.

This program was conceived by the Albany PTA Council as a means of presenting: 1) A synopsis of the 1996 California Framework of the Visual & Performing Arts Curriculum, published by the California Department of Education and 2) A summary of all the arts offered in the Albany Public School District over the past few years and how these programs were funded. The last portion of the evening was a discussion period, moderated by Connie Hubbard, assistant superintendent of AUSD, during which we heard suggestions and concerns from the audience as to the extent all the arts are offered in our local schools, kindergarten through grade 12.

The following people provided invaluable time and information on AUSD course offerings and funding for all the Arts: Joan Sextro-AUSD Music staff; Bob Slous-AUSD Music staff; Joan Larson-Music Boosters & Albany Education Foundation; Sarah Samonsky-AUSD Visual Arts staff; Peter Hobart-Music Boosters; Lois Woods-Green-principal, AHS; Terri Corpus-principal, AMS; Craig Boyan-principal, Cornell Elementary; Ruth Konoff-PTA, Monica Hazelwood-PTA and Sue Mellers-PTA.

The PTA Council will hold another public forum this spring, when we hope to further explore options and show support for coordinating funding and expanding all the arts within the core curriculum in all levels in Albany schools.

A side benefit might also be to stimulate more interest within our entire community for the arts - many artists live here in Albany and we have an active Albany Arts Committee within our city government which organizes art exhibitions in the atrium of the

Community Center and presents programs on local artists on Cable Channel 17.

In closing, we wish to heartily endorse a recent statement by Delaine Eastin, the California State Superintendent of Schools; "The lack of attention to arts education has been the silent crisis in California schools for too long. It's time to turn that crisis into a Renaissance."

Kay Weinstein, President; Sarah Samonsky; Sandy Bender; Karen Carlson-Olson; Belinda Lum; Rondi Hurlbut

Albany PTA Council

### Navallier issue of concern to all

Editor:

Many Journal readers are aware of the efforts of the Hillside Area Neighborhood Association to maintain the serenity of the area surrounding the Navallier House. This 100-year-old farmhouse is the oldest structure in El Cerrito and a designated historical building. Bright Star Montessori School has been fighting for three years to tear down the house and transform this nature area into a school for 150 children against the wishes of neighbors. After two public hearings, the El Cerrito Planning Commission expressed concern about the potential for increased noise, traffic, fire and flood danger, and parking problems. They ordered Bright Star to conduct an Environmental Impact Report.

Bright Star has ignored the Commission's findings and has not begun the EIR. They have also turned a blind eye to the opposition of the neighbors to their plan, and purchased the Navallier House anyway. They are trying to sidestep the EIR ruling by submitting yet another proposal, this time for 100 children.

It's obvious that the neighbors' legitimate concerns about noise, safety, and traffic won't be mitigated by a plan for 100 children (plus staff, teachers, and volunteers). Further, Bright Star can easily add 50+ children at a later date - and undoubtedly would do so.

This situation raises concerns for all citizens of El Cerrito, not just people who live near the Navallier House. Neighbors have had to spend countless hours and thousands of dollars over the course of three years to battle Bright Star - and yet the fight is not over. If Bright Star is allowed to bypass the rules as well as the wishes of the neighbors, what's stopping other commercial establishments or schools from forcing themselves into other areas?

I urge those residents who are concerned about protecting their neighborhoods to write to the El Cerrito Planning Commission and the City Council. Let them know your opposition to organizations with deep pockets trying to buy their way into residential areas.

Stacy Taylor  
Robert Epstein

### Neighbors want to reverse sale

Editor:

We the undersigned residents of Roger Ct. have grave concerns to the City Council's recent decision to close escrow on lot 11 of Roger Ct. and its intent to sell the remaining six lots on Roger Ct..

The City Council and staff have acted in a rash and reckless manner in voting to close escrow on lot 11 of Roger Ct. In hoping to avoid possible damages to the Buyer of lot 11 by rescinding sale, the City has opened itself to far greater liability and has physically endangered the existing residents of Roger Ct.

The City made the assertion that there was "no history of earth movement" pertaining to the hillside. This assertion is patently false. In the mid-seventies the residents of Roger Ct. experienced annual mud slides from the hillside on which the undeveloped lots are situated. The silt and erosion would spill out over the sidewalk and on to the street. One year a slide nearly reached the centerline of the street. In an effort to forestall the mud slide activity, the City installed a French drain which runs almost the entire length along the face of the undeveloped lots.

The residents have also experienced a broken water main on Roger Ct.. This water main was broken by a lateral shearing force. For the water main to shear due to a lateral force indicates an instability and earth movement from the hillside.

Finally, the sidewalk that fronts the hillside are cracked and ruptured. This phenomena, again indicates an instability and earth movement from the hillside.

When the City closed escrow on lot 11 of Roger Ct., the City, as seller, held the duty of full disclosure to the buyer regarding any defects of the property. The

City in its assertion of "no history of earth movement" has not only been negligent in its nondisclosure of earth movement activity to the buyer, but may also be liable for a fraudulent sale. The City installed the French drain; thus, the City cannot claim no knowledge of earth movement activity.

The City has tried to reassure us that the buyer will assume all liability of damages due to any construction on the hillside. But any non-disclaimer clause of liability will not protect the City if the buyer should claim and prove a fraudulent sale. And no disclaimer clause will protect us, the residents, from the potential physical damages and physical endangerment posed by possible construction on the hillside.

A 1973 United States Geologic Survey Map shows the hillside to be an extensive landslide deposit. No comprehensive geological study has been done to verify the fitness of the lots on Roger Ct. We find the City to be grossly irresponsible to sell lots that are in all probability unfit to be built upon. The developer who built the existing houses on Roger Ct. did not build on the hillside lots because they were unfit to be built upon.

We urge the City to take prompt action to negotiate a rescission of sale of lot 11 of Roger Ct.. Any present damages to the buyer are nominal compared to the potential damages to not only the buyer, but also to residents of Roger Ct.

Secondly, we urge the City to take the remaining lots of Roger Ct. off the market. No comprehensive geological study on the hillside has been done. The hillside has a history of both surface and underground earth movement. The Council would be acting irresponsibly to sell these lots to any buyer given these circumstances.

Signed by 19 residents  
on Roger Ct.

## Phyllis L...

### Waiting for the

AS WE STROLL here among the grasses, we really know about our Wives after all. We are of historians. All we know we read in the paper or, what we see on television, the Internet and hear from show hosts. Opinions are false and one man's opinion democracy is as good as now. Now that we're serious private lives of public people mine.

Take the First Lady crushed to discover, fairly her marriage, that her fallen in love with a beautiful woman. Naturally her reaction was to leave him, thought, she extracted a price him that if he would speak to the woman again, not divorce him — for the career, she said. Although her share of his in the way, historians elevated her to the rank of

But she did not stand if that means, as I think it life gets really tough. Roosevelt never forgave covered for FDR during but no one I ever heard of heretical timidity to suggest could have been as much of her own career as for

### FRIENDS

SHE BADMOUTHED FRIENDS, nagged him among other nags, instructive notes, moved and seldom, if ever, even him in the subsequent. So when it turned out the been driving around in the dark and sailing on the with Lucy Mercer all those that Lucy was with him died in Warm Springs, more bitter than ever. I'm she was entirely wrong saying that's an awful long a saint to hold a grudge.

### AMID THEIR GL

succeeding to the White Clintons overlooked or innocently mistaken about innocent items. They wrongly it turned out, that traditionally inherent in the Lady's role was passed in the Age. Not realizing that he put his foot in it by saying "getting two for one," the appointed his wife to lead project to reform the chaotic health care system of continual carping and thrown in its path, the result was probably a good one. We know. Congress didn't even to talk about it. They sat Hillary Clinton herself on a booted the plan down and is more corrupt than ever.

Neither could the Clinton or imagine, who in his right could, the reeking depths of their enemies would sink them and undo not one, presidential elections. I detected two minor rinds out from under the major One, someone was inspired Fuhrman to make fictional later use in a big book deal. better understand the technique being used, it probably help to have least spent some time in

### BESS TRUMAN IS ON

favorites among First Ladies was the apple of Harry's eye versa, from the moment first met as youths, but she like politics and she hated House, replace the dishes, around in a long dress could take up a charitable cause.

She took Margaret Independence and waited Harry to return when he was in Washington.

When then future president Adams was in Philadelphia the Constitution, his wife wrote and advised him to, "the ladies." A uxorious man, may have taken her advice an effort to include the ladies Constitution. If so, he was successful. It took the ladies and otherwise, 133 years even a vote.

Although I expect no such to happen in our lifetime, it inevitably be a day when a First will be walking along the States. I regret I will not be in front of my digital, 10-foot trying to ascertain how he

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### Deadline

Items for publication should reach us 10 days in advance.

Board raises  
questions  
over SAT's  
personal data  
expectations

By William-Arthur  
Haynes

ALBANY — School board members expressed concern about required background information needed to administer a statewide achievement test Tuesday night. The data to be collected goes beyond the regular name, grade and school that was previously required.

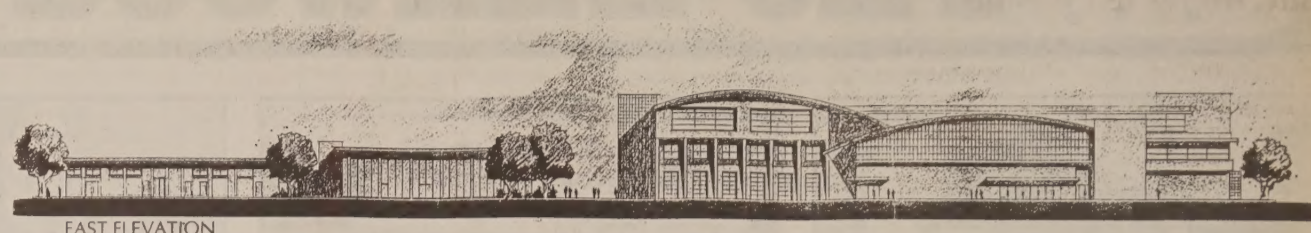
All school districts within California are mandated to administer the Stanford Achievement Test to all students between the second and 11th grade. But this year, the publisher of the exam requires data concerning each student's race, the length of time they've been within their respective districts, parent education level and language fluency, among other things.

"This is a data-gathering nightmare," said Assistant Superintendent Constance Hubbard. "There are 11 questions to be answered for each student."

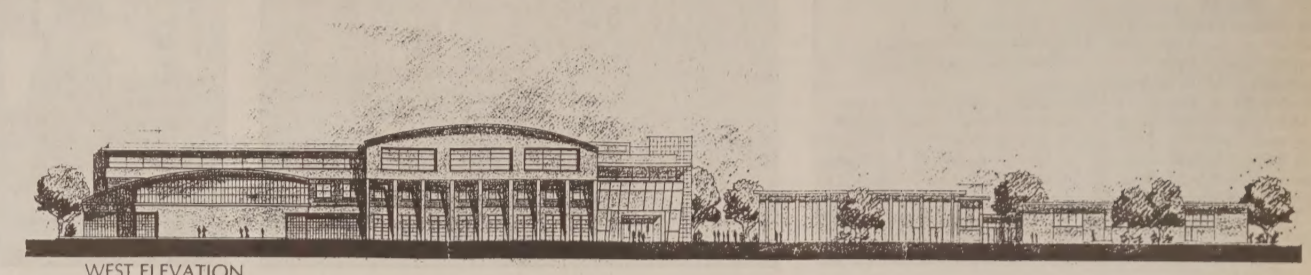
Board members said it

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# Presenting: Design drawings of replacement Albany High School

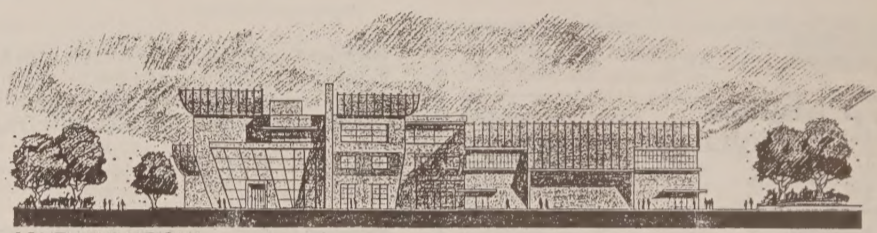


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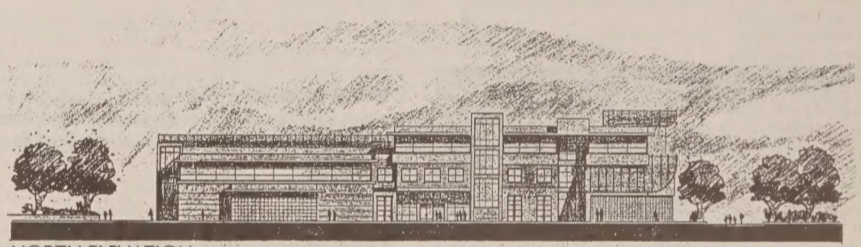


WEST ELEVATION

A letter to the editor in last week's issue asked that *The Journal* publish drawings of Albany's replacement high school, one of many such requests we've received. These are the latest drawings available, dated Jan. 5, and (unfortunately) the best quality available to us at this point. The architectural firm of Deems Lewis McKinley is working on new drawings revised as a result of input gathered at the last school district design meeting.



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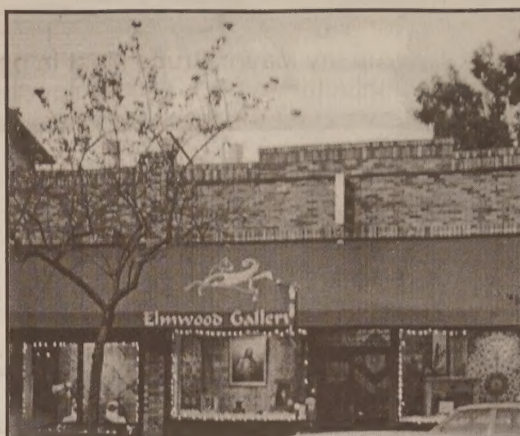
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EL CERRITO — As if the steady rain wasn't enough, the Fire Department reported that a water main or hydrant broke in the 100 block of Seaview Drive at about 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

A witness said water gushed about 100 feet into the air. Firefighters, city crews and East Bay Municipal Water District workers were called to the scene.

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Harbor seals and bridge repair

Harbor seals come to Castro rocks, near the Richmond side of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, for spring pupping and molting and to warm up and rest year round. Many fear that proposed repairs to the bridge will drive the harbor seals away from Castro Rocks unless the repairs are properly timed. The Feb. 25 meeting of the Sierra Club wildlife biologist Dianne Kopeck discusses the natural history of harbor seals and of seals in general and will explain construction issues as they affect harbor seal activities.

Kopeck is a wildlife biologist in the Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies at San Francisco State University and director of Earth Island Institute's Harbor Seal Project.

The meeting is Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Makamie Hall 545 Albany Ave. in El Cerrito.

Art Association

# City backs transportation measure after some hesitation

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Proving themselves friends of bus service but no great fans of BART, city council members Monday night conditionally approved the reauthorization of a county-wide sales tax measure slated for the June ballot.

If approved by voters, the 1/2-cent tax — currently known as Measure B — would provide more than \$1 billion over a 15-year period for transportation projects county-wide. In Albany, the tax generates more than \$235,000 a year for local road maintenance, as well as money for paratransit, AC Transit and capital projects around the county.

Council members seemed for the most part to accept the plan, which was hammered out over the last year after dozens of heated meetings that pitted transportation advocates from northern parts of the county

against highway and BART-friendly persons from the south. A possible, last-minute alteration regarding a BART extension through Fremont did not fare well under council scrutiny, however, and the plan was approved on the condition that the project be left as is.

The change — which would lock BART in as the project sponsor — went over particularly poorly with Mayor Bruce Mast, a strong public transportation advocate and member of the county Congestion Management Agency. Citing concerns about the cost of the project, \$546 million for an approximately five-mile extension, \$165 million of which would come from the new Measure B, Mast called the project the "Achilles heel" of the entire measure and felt retention of the previous language was necessary for Albany to sign off.

"I think it's a mistake to put all our eggs in that basket," said Mast, who attended numerous Measure

Alameda County Transportation Authority (the agency that administers Measure B funds), the change came in the wake of concerns by BART, although it has yet to be formally approved by ACTA's governing board.

"This is really to address BART's concerns," said Mosen, whose agency

BART project, the other surprise of the night came from Vice Mayor Peggy Thomsen, who likewise questioned the alteration and called for increased bus service. Though the new version of the measure includes a substantial increase in AC Transit funding, Thomsen lamented the lack of mid-day bus service from Albany to San Francisco, and felt to some degree that Albany was being left in the cold.

"We are, in my estimation, not being served as well as those in the suburbs and I think that this needs to be addressed," said Thomsen of the plan as a whole, calling the BART funding "exceedingly high."

However, as Albany will receive \$243,000 a year for street and roads, "I do feel that ... is enough of a crumb for Albany that I'm going to vote for it," Thomsen said, and the plan, after lengthy discussion, was approved by a 5-0 vote.

## Albany Mayor Bruce Mast in particular objected to giving BART funding and oversight for a 5-mile extension in Fremont at the expense of other uses.

B reauthorization meetings last year. Also, as BART has yet to secure the rest of the funding for the project, the original description was left intentionally vague so that "another rail alternative" could be considered.

The new language states such an alternative must be sponsored by BART.

According to Christine Mosen, Executive Director of the

must gain approval of city councils representing half the county population before the Board of Supervisors can place the measure on the ballot by March 3. Albany, of course, will most likely not make or break that 50 percent approval. In June, 2/3 of county voters must approve the new measure for it to pass.

Other than Mayor Mast's concerns about alterations to the

## Test

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would be hard for younger students to even comprehend questions concerning their parents' educational background or how long they have been in the district. One board member said it was difficult for even high school students to answer such questions.

"We have to explain to parents what's going on and why," said Boardmember Marsha Skinner. "Parents may get nervous when their children come home saying we were questioning them about parent background."

Hubbard said the possibility of sending questionnaires home with students was being explored.

"I was surprised at how intrusive these questions are," said Superintendent Dale Hudson. "It seems the state is unsympathetic to outcries coming from districts

up and down California."

Vice President of the board, Owen Jones, said he would oppose the test should it ever come before him in a meeting.

"Asking for ethnicity and educational background is a form of coding," he said. "I don't want that."

The state has not provided districts with all the details, including costs and length of time required to administer the test. The school board is waiting for those details.

### In other business:

The superintendent's recommendation that Marianne Camp be appointed the district's new Director of Curriculum and Instruction was approved by the board. Camp has teaching experience dating back to 1971. She is

currently a teacher on special assignment with the Hayward Unified School District.

"I think we were fortunate to have gathered a strong applicant pool," said Superintendent Hudson.

Camp was one of six in the running for the job.

As long as there is active cash flow, the board authorized Superintendent Hudson to seek bids for the construction materials to expedite the construction of the new Albany Middle School. The district has completed the demolition phase and will now seek bids by contractors for the next phase of site preparation.

The board approved the 1998-99 Budget Development Calendar. It was presented to the board for review and comment at the Jan. 13 meeting.

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## Police Reports

### Repeat suspect arrested yet again

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 25 officers responded to reports of someone yelling near the creek area at the north end of Adams Street. Officers contacted a 34-year-old Berkeley man who was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober. When he was released the next morning he returned to the same area to sleep. An officer found him and told him to find somewhere else to sleep.

At about 3 p.m. on Jan. 26 officers responded to reports from a video store on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue that five subjects described as black male juveniles were using screwdrivers to break open a display case for video games. They fled the store and boarded an AC Transit bus going south on San Pablo Avenue. They then exited the bus at Solano Avenue and ran through back yards. Officers were able to capture one of the suspects on the 900 block of Madison Street. The suspect, a 12-year-old Oakland boy, was found to have a screwdriver and marijuana in his pockets. He was arrested for possession of drugs and burglary tools and released to his mother with a Notice to Appear.

On the night of Jan. 26 a resident on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported that thieves had stolen a laptop computer from in-

side his home. The thieves had gained entry through an unlocked back door. There were no witnesses.

In the evening on Jan. 27 a resident on the 900 block of Cerrito Street reported that sometime during the last couple days someone took tools out of his white '87 Ford van. The van had been unlocked. There were no witnesses.

At about 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 27 a resident on the 1000 block of Curtis Street reported hearing loud music and voices coming from the Marin School yard. Officers contacted a 39-year-old Oakland man who was very intoxicated. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

At about 3 a.m. on Jan. 28 officers responded to a 911 call originating from a phone booth on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. The anonymous caller reported that cars were being broken into on Pomona Avenue. Officers investigated the area and observed a 20-year-old Albany man exiting the phone booth in question. The caller, the same man who was arrested last week for breaking into cars on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue, was contacted and found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for making a false report and for public intoxication, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the morning of Jan. 28 a resident on the 700 block of Madi-

son Street reported that during the night thieves had stolen his '91 Toyota. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of Jan. 30 a business on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue reported that a subject described as a black male adult wearing a ball cap and dark colored jacket had just snatched a purse from a woman in front of their shop. Witnesses chased the subject but the thief reportedly pulled a gun on the chasers. The thief was gone when officers arrived.

At about 10 p.m. on Jan. 30 officers responded to a liquor store on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue regarding a customer who was using a false Colorado identification. Officers contacted a 16-year-old Berkeley boy who was attempting to purchase malt liquor. He was arrested and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear.

During the week of Jan. 25 officers fingerprinted six people at their request, towed three cars, responded to 15 false alarms, attended to seven lost or deceased animals, assisted two people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to seven reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers intervened in one domestic dispute, 13 civil disturbances and 17 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to two fire calls and seven medical emergencies.

### Suspect caught in mid-burglary

By William Arthur Haynes

EL CERRITO — Around 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 21 a man rang the doorbell of a residence on 900 block of Galvin Dr. The suspect then cut the power to the house and removed the front window screen to gain access to a crack window. Upon entering the house the assailant was scared off by the occupant. The man was arrested and charged with burglary.

A '92 Honda Accord was reported stolen from the 10700 block of San Pablo Ave. on Jan. 20.

An '85 Nissan pick-up was reported stolen from San Mateo St. on Jan. 20. The vehicle was later recovered.

Sometime between noon on Jan. 14 and 8 p.m. on Jan. 18 an unknown suspect punched the trunk lock of a '90 Toyota Camry parked on the 800 block of Liberty St. and removed miscellaneous car accessories.

Around 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 31 a man entered the El Cerrito Plaza Longs Drugs and concealed merchandise on a shopping cart by covering up with paper. The man then stopped at a check stand before exiting the store and purchased. He was placed under citizens arrest for attempting to leave the concealed items and detained until police arrived.

Later that same day at around 3:15 p.m. a man entered the store and concealed merchandise in his jacket pocket. He attempted to purchase other items. He was escorted to the

store office and detained until police arrived.

Around 11:50 a.m. on Jan. 27 a man was arrested for stealing recyclables from a City of El Cerrito recycling container.

A '95 Kawasaki KLR 650 was reported stolen from the 5900 block of El Dorado. The motorcycle was later recovered.

As police booked a juvenile for robbery on Jan. 7 he was found to be in possession of marijuana.

Sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Jan. 16 some removed two bags of scrip and a cash box located in the St. John's School principal's office. The loss was estimated at \$11,166.

On Jan. 11 a woman was reported attempting to buy merchandise from the San Pablo Ave. Safeway with a false traveler's check. No arrest was made.

Around 1 p.m. on Jan. 22 someone entered an unlocked passenger-side door of a '96 Ford Explorer parked on the 5800 block of Charles Ave. and removed the victim's briefcase.

Police investigating an occupied illegally parked '72 Dodge sedan discovered alcohol in the vehicle. No arrests were made.

Around 8:10 p.m. on Jan. 21 a man entered the San Pablo Ave. Blockbuster Video and filled out an application for employment. As the man left the store he set off shoplifting sensors and refused to come back

into the store.

Just after 5 p.m. on Jan. 21 in the San Pablo Ave. Target lot threatened to hurt himself. Police did not comply with the request. No arrest was made.

Sometime between 1 Jan. 31 and 11:20 a.m. an unknown suspect broke into a '95 Mercedes parked on 2700 block of Arlington St. and removed a camera and binoculars.

Sometime in the night of Jan. 30 and Jan. 31 someone removed the two left-side tires of a 1991 Sentra parked on the 500 Everett St.

Early in the morning of Jan. 29 an unknown suspect drove a '91 s-side window of a Camry parked on Tabernash St. moved the in-dash stereo, then then let down the window to remove the audio speakers and stereo equipment. The loss was estimated at \$2,630.

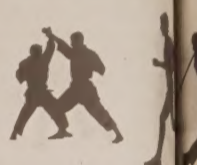
Sometime just before 10 a.m. on Jan. 29 an unknown suspect moved the bed-liner of a '91 Dakota pick-up parked on the 3000 block of Jordan Ave.

On Jan. 30 a woman called police to report an unknown person who had ignited a fire on the front porch causing the porch to fall and break.

Around 7 p.m. on Jan. 21 a juvenile was arrested for stealing a razor blade from a store on Ave. Longs Drugs. According to police report the girl wanted blades to hurt herself.



# HEALTH & FITNESS



## WARNING!! Before You Begin An Exercise Program - Read This!!

By Dr. Laura VanHarn

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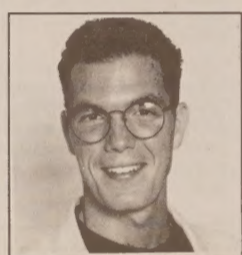
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By Dr. Jason A. De.

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Some say, "I don't have the time." While others explain how "We just don't have the money." What we don't often consider are the consequences of neglecting ourselves. Some people develop health problems that take control of their entire lives. Some get on the drug merry-go-round and find that one drug causes a side effect that requires another drug, that causes another side effect and so on. Are these the results we are willing to accept?

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## Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda Lum

## People

School District Community Center: 869-3715 — call this number to receive the most current information regarding facility issues.

There is **NO SCHOOL** Friday, Feb. 13 and Monday Feb. 16. The Board of Presidents' Day.

**School Board meetings**  
Board of Education meets Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

in Cornell multi-use room.

### Events/Fund-raisers

• The annual **Country Western Dinner/Dance** sponsored by the Albany Education Foundation and Soroptimist International of Albany is Saturday, Feb. 7 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave. Cost: \$15 per person; \$18 at the door; \$50 for a family of four. Proceeds will go to benefit the work of both organiza-

tions.

If there is a school-related event you would like to add/correct here, call Belinda Lum at 528-2429 or email: Robert.Marshall@schwab.com

Special events listings, newsletters, and much more about AHS and AMS can be accessed at the following web sites:

AHS Web Site: <http://www.citynight.com/ahs>

AMS Web Site: <http://www.dnai.com/~amscofra>

### Jeff McGraw, Kacey Claggett

Michael Willis, FAIA, announced the promotion of El Cerrito resident **Jeff McGraw**, AIA, and Kensington resident **Kacey Claggett**, to principals at Michael Willis & Associates (MWA), the San Francisco-based architecture, interiors and planning firm. Both new principals have been with MWA since its inception in 1988.

McGraw, 37, is an architect and planner who oversees the firm's industrial, historic renovation and university projects. In Oakland, he is managing the adaptive reuse of the former Charles Greene Library, a National Register landmark, as the African American Museum and Library at Oakland. He also is handling architectural design for the expansion of the Joseph Jensen Filtration Plant, one of the country's largest water treatment plants, located near Los Angeles.

An architecture graduate of the University of Oregon in Eugene, McGraw is a professional member of the AIA/San Francisco and the American Water Works Association. He serves on the Design Review Board of the city of El Cerrito, where he lives with his wife and daughter. He is a native of Walnut Creek.

Claggett, 38, is MWA's new marketing principal. She directs the marketing activities of the firm's two offices in San Francisco and

Oakland, and is involved in the management of the firm.

Claggett graduated from Yale University with a bachelor's in studio art and holds an M.F.A. in painting from the University of Pennsylvania. Before joining MWA, she was a visual arts instructor at Foot-hill College in Los Altos, at UC-Santa Cruz, and at the University of Pennsylvania. Claggett lives in Kensington with her husband and son. She was born in Washington, D.C.

### Lutheran branch honored

MINNEAPOLIS — East Bayview Branch 8009 has received Lutheran Brotherhood's Superior rating for its community service activities in 1996. The rating is the highest given by Lutheran Brotherhood and recognizes the local service group for its effectiveness in bringing Lutheran Brotherhood's fraternal (charitable, benevolent) resources into the local area. The Branch learned of this award recently and was pleased to put additional monies into East Bayview charity projects to help the needy.

East Bayview Branch 8009 received this award based primarily on the number and variety of volunteer service projects and fund-raising events it conducted to strengthen local communities. The branch also excelled in distributing Lutheran Brotherhood matching funds to Lutheran congregations in the East



Jeff McGraw

Bay who held fundraisers to earn these matching funds. Officers serving East Bayview Branch 8009 in 1997 included **Carol Elmstedt**, president, **El Cerrito**; and **Charles Elmstedt**, treasurer, **El Cerrito**.

Lutheran Brotherhood is an organization of more than one million Lutherans joined together for financial security, benevolent outreach and volunteer service. As a member-owned, not-for-profit fraternal benefit society, Lutheran Brotherhood's mission is to improve the quality of life for its members, to strengthen communities, and to aid Lutheran congregations and institutions.

# Poetry Forum

This poem was written as part of workshops at Vista and Gregor Primary Schools taught by Judith Tannenbaum.

## POEM OF LIFE

A cluster of grapes is like stars in a pack of geese flying in the air.

A slice of pizza looks like a smile.

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Bread is as fresh as air and lemonade is as refreshing as water.

Ice cream is as sweet as a donut. When I look at a donut with sprinkles it's like looking at a turning kaleidoscope or an eyeball.

A donut is like an "O" in food.

Hot chocolate tastes like chocolate and is as hot as fire.

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## The Importance of Balancing Hormones

By Ashira Wendler

We're all familiar with the most talked about hormones, specifically, testosterone and estrogen. And we're all pretty familiar with what happens to behavior if men have an excess of the "male hormone" and women have an imbalance of the "female hormone." However, there are many other less well known hormones that fall into three other categories such as energy production and storage, water and salt metabolism, and growth. An imbalance in hormones contributes to fatigue, osteoporosis, hypertension and arthritis, to name a few.

You may ask, "What about diet and exercise? Doesn't consuming too much fat cause all these physical problems?" The answer is yes as foods high in sugar, for example, cause fluctuating blood sugar levels that lead to adrenal fatigue. Unhealthy fats such as the synthetic hydrogenated oils are difficult for the body to metabolize and cause an increase in estrogen levels. Excess estrogen causes the often ridiculed symptoms that women endure.

The glands in the body actually manufacture hormones from cholesterol, amino acids & proteins.

Interestingly, while the health benefits of maintaining normal levels of cholesterol are well known, most people are not aware that a "no-fat, no cholesterol" diet may induce hormone imbalance as the body manufactures specific hormones directly from cholesterol-containing foods. With widespread use of synthetic hormones and ingestion of petrochemicals (from wax on foods, pesticides and herbicides), buildup in the body causes hormonal imbalances in both men and women which contributes to risk of carcinogenic illnesses.

People living in countries where soy and fiber are the main dietary staples experience low incidence of prostate and menopausal symptoms. To learn more about this subject, Healthy Life Vitamins is sponsoring a lecture, "Medical Breakthroughs in Hormone Replacement Therapy" by renowned medical doctor, Dr. John Lee, author "What The Doctor May Not Tell You About Menopause" on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm at Montclair Elementary School, 1757 Mountain Blvd. Cost is \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door. Please stop by the store for tickets, or call 338-0667.

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It is no wonder the Waterfront Plaza Hotel was featured in *The Best Places to Kiss in California*. The author of this guide to romance points out the Waterfront Plaza's exclusive "romantic getaway" package. Upon arrival, the guests are greeted with a chilled bottle of champagne and a large chocolate heart. After a gourmet feast in the hotel's restaurant or any of the excellent restaurants on the square, the guests return to their room to find their bed turned down and chocolates on their pillows. In the morning they treat themselves to continental breakfast in bed, and although they must leave they will remember their "romantic getaway" with a waterfront keepsake.

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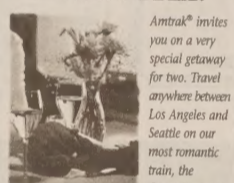
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### Children

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**La Peña Cultural Center; 10:30 a.m.:** Joanne Hammil, national performer and educator, performs songs with a balance important children's issues with a deep-rooted playfulness. Adults \$3, Kids \$2.

3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 849-2568.

**Feb. 8**  
**The 7th Annual International Children's Film Festival; 1 p.m.:** In Beatrix Potter's Garden, Peter Rabbit and his friends are still hopping around, making mischief and getting into prickly predicaments in two short films, *The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies* and *Mrs. Tittlemouse* and the Tale of Two Bad Mice and Johnny Townmouse. (55 mins.) Recommended for ages 3 to 6. At the Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Avenue Berkeley, 642-5249 for adv. tickets; info: 642-1412. \$3.50 admission.

**The Buddy Club; 11 a.m. - noon:** Ringling Bros. clown and juggler Penelope P. Pendleton and singer Kathy Kellick. At the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. at Masonic, Albany, 524-9283 for directions. \$6 per person, under two years free.

**Ongoing**  
**Winter programs for Children at Berkeley's Central Library; Mondays:** 10:30 a.m.; through April 6; Baby Bounce, the programs include stories, songs and fingerplays for the baby and toddler, includes the words to the songs

and activities to bring home; Family Storytimes for 2-7 year olds and their parents, take place every Saturday, 10:30 - 11 a.m.; through Apr. 4.

**The Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League (ABGSL);** an all volunteer league in its 16th year of providing girls a "League of their Own"; from early March to June. Teams are open to all girls in grades 1-8 who live in Berkeley, Albany and neighboring communities. To receive a registration form, or to find out more about playing softball this spring, call the ABGSL Hot Line at 869-4277 and leave a message.

**UC-Berkeley Research Project: Child Health and Behavior;** specialists in childhood health and development at UC-Berkeley's Child Study Center are looking for families with 4 to 8 year old children to participate in a research project on children's responses to the daily challenges they encounter. Children must be available for one visit to UC Berkeley's Child Study Center. Participating families will be compensated \$15 for their time. For more information call 643-2522.

### Classes

**Feb. 7**  
**Vista Community College; 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.:** "Export Management and Trading Companies"; registration is open until the day of the workshop; 2020 Milvia St., between University Ave. & Addison St., 841-8860, Ext. 271

**Ongoing**  
**La Peña Cultural Center; free Afro-Cuban Youth Performance Ensemble.** Musician Guillermo Cespedes will teach an Afro-American music workshop for youth every Monday; experience not required. For more information, call Sylvia

at 849-2568, ext. 16.  
**Adult Cuban Music Ensemble; 6-8 p.m.:** Students will play popular Cuban music. \$12/class. Open to instrumentalists and singers.

**New French classes;** the Alliance Francaise East Bay, a non profit agency, located at 2004 Woolsey Street, Berkeley. All levels, native teachers. Call 548-1520.

**Berkeley Yoga Center** offers a free introductory Yoga class the first Friday evening, every month and other free Friday evening events where people can come together in the spirit of community. Call for details, 649-9812.

**Yoga at Noon;** Thursdays and Fridays until 1 p.m.; Classes include stretching exercises, seated and moving meditation, healing arts, and breathing exercises. Japanese Yoga classes are also offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Sunday mornings; Senjin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 11053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518

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**Health, Fitness & Community Education;** classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - 8 p.m., in fees;

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### Community Events

**Feb. 7**  
**Country Western Dinner Dance;** 6 - 10 p.m.; sponsored by Soroptimist International of Albany and the Albany Education Foundation; prize drawings, music and dance lessons; Veteran's Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave., Albany, \$15 admission. At the door admission is \$18, dancing only is \$10.

Tickets available at the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., Albany and Arrow Glass, 640 San Pablo Ave.

**Feb. 8**  
**Berkeley Symphony Orchestra's Eleventh Annual Wine and Food Tasting;** 2 - 5 p.m.; sample over forty of the Bay Area's top wineries and food purveyors, prize drawings, a silent auction and live chamber music by members of the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra; Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina, 841-2800 for more info. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door.

**North Berkeley Senior Center;** Feb. 5; 1 p.m.; Ballroom Dance with Roman Ostrowski.

1:30 p.m.; By, For and About Old Women - Some Good Books and Other Things, with Dr. Helen Wheeler.  
Feb. 6; 1 p.m.; Opera Video: "Le Mariage de Figaro" Pt. 1

Feb. 9; 1 p.m.; Remembering Paul Robeson with Video, reading, discussion of accomplishments.

1:15 p.m.; Classical Piano Recital: Steve Armon  
Feb. 10; 1 p.m.; Exploring Values with Lilian Elner.  
Feb. 11; 1 p.m.; History of Art and Consciousness with Walker.

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Last year the Albany Market, held on Sunday mornings, was well received by the local residents. Besides the local produce brought by the farmers, there was also a wonderful "Kids Cooking" class. The market hopes to continue this class during the summer months.

For the market to continue it will depend on finding a sponsorship to help off-set the cost of advertising and mailings. In many non-profit organizations, the Albany Farmers' Market needs assistance in the first years of operation. Sponsorship in the market will be awarded through name recognition in newspaper advertisements according to amount of support. Other compensations could include a stall at the market.

This year moving the farmers' market to Thursday afternoons has already brought about a larger response from interested farmers. Please give Judy Blue a call at

231-1983 and help sponsor this weekly community event.

**Post 292 Crab Feed**

An "all you can eat" crab feed will be held Friday, February 20 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Avenue, according to Post member Keith Truax. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, February 17 as crab is ordered on the next day. The price is still only \$18 per person. Phone Ian Ball at 525-5230, Truax at 526-4487, Gus Graban at 526-0379 or Sam Turner at 526-0837. Note: The December feed was filled early and many people had to be turned away so call early for reservations. Dinner will be served at 7pm.

**Flowers and gifts for Valentines**

This is a reminder that Valentine's Day is on a Saturday so if you need to send your valentine who works during the week a special message, you might consider sending it on Friday, February 13. Floral arrangements may be delivered by Extradinaire Florist, 1410 Solano, phone 527-1000 or Albany Florist & Gifts, 823 San Pablo Avenue, phone 528-1000. Gift shops

include Bears & Baubles, 1603 Solano Avenue; Cobwebs, 1250 Solano Avenue; Rituals, 1102 Solano Avenue; Scandia Imports, 1286 Solano Avenue and Sisters Gifts, 1250 Solano Avenue. And then there is

Mary & Joe's Sporting Goods, 911 San Pablo Avenue and Albany Bowl at 540 San Pablo Avenue. There are many restaurants to take your loved one to on this special day. Call the Chamber of Commerce, (525-1771) for a list of the restaurants, their addresses and phone numbers.

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## Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma

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**Shop Albany winners**

Winners of the "Shop Albany" drawing are as follows, with the name of the business who donated a prize followed by the store where the drawing coupon was deposited.

They are: first prize of \$100 cash from the Albany Chamber of Commerce is Phyllis Cariela; Nicole Loball, Albany Bowl, Earthquake; Robert Tate, Attorney Robert Cheasty, Jodie's Restaurant; Andrew Green, Round Table Pizza, Century Communications; Janet Roche, Albany Video, Play It Again Toys; Holly Dubois, Oxford Place Bed & Breakfast, Play It Again Toys; Delta Fox, Rituals, Paradise Chiropractic; Beth O'Brien, Albany Bowl, Patti & Steve's Auto Care; Barbara

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**The Open House Senior Center:** volunteers needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social day care program each Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Part-time help is welcome and no experience is necessary. Call Ellen at 215-4340 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information.

**Sakura Kai:** meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; please write to 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito, CA 94530 for our regular weekly calendar. For more info call 465-9323.

**Moms in Community:** Mothers encouraging and supporting each other to be their best, grow spiritually, intellectually and socially; Meet new people and build lasting Christian friendships; Share the joys and challenges of parenting; Relax with a great group of diverse women; Enjoy a break from the demands of daily life. Fridays 9:30-11:30. Child-care begins at 9:15 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, 2407 Dana St. Voicemail: 848-6252 ext. 558

**Cars for a Cure:** help children and adults suffering from devastating digestive diseases by donating your used car, truck or motorhome to the Crohn's and Colitis foundation of America, Inc. (Greater Bay Area Chapter). All proceeds directly benefit programs, services and research to find a cure; (415) 578-6590 or 1-800-3-AUTO-77.

**Volunteers needed:** Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

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## Exhibits

**Feb. 7**  
**Lawrence Hall of Science:** Cats! Wild to Mild, featuring remarkable displays and roaring soundtracks, 25 taxidermed animals, a Pre-colombian warrior dressed as a mystical jaguar, many hands on activities; on the UC-Berkeley Campus, Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak Boulevard, 642-5132. \$6 adults, \$4 for children, seniors and students.

**Feb. 7 & 8**  
**Susan Brooks and Carol Lee Shanks: New Work:** Bay Area artists show new work at Strawberry Creek Design Center, including hand wrought, gold and sterling silver jewelry, works on paper, unstructured clothing which uses body for shape. 1250 Addison St., Studio 214, Berkeley, 845-2612.

**Feb. 10**  
**Simple Pleasures:** through March 8; a group exhibition featuring work in a variety of media by six Bay Area artists: Dennis Begg, Lynn Beldner, Amy Berk, Galen Brown, Michael Damm, and Melissa Herman; Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., near Gilman; call Katrina Traywick or Robin Galas at 527-1214 for more info.

**Dancing/Words/Talking:** through Feb. 28; a photo exhibit at Berkeley's South Branch Library, celebrating the traditions of Chinese, Filipino and African-Haitian dancing in the Bay Area; 1901 Russell St., 644-6860.

**Ongoing**  
**Old Masters Prints at the GTU:** 5-7 p.m.; The Flora Lamson Hewlett Library at the Graduate Theological Union features a display of woodcuts, engravings and etchings from the collection of Harry and Herta Weinstein. The exhibit includes works by major artists from the early sixteenth century. The public is invited to a special reception and conversation with the Weinsteins, on Feb. 5;

The show runs from Jan. 26 - Apr. 5; At 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, 649-2420. Admission is free. **Addison Street Windows: Myth and Imagination.** an exhibit of recent watercolors by Deborah Green, sponsored by the Berkeley Civic Arts Commission. At 1919 Addison St. daily through Feb. 12th, never closed; 486-8082.

**Hogarth and His Times: Serious Comedy:** through April 19; Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, below College Ave.; 642-0808; \$6 general admission; seniors and students \$4; members, UC Berkeley Students and children under 12 free.

**Wayne Miller, Black Chicago, 1946-1948:** through March 14; From a collection of over 500 photographs, Miller, now 78, has decided on 70 from his Chicago study of black families in the South city to exhibit at the Graduate School of Journalism, 1212 North Gate Hall, #5860, Berkeley; 642-4825, or Wayne Miller himself at 254-3984.

**BACA Members' Showcase:** through Feb. 8; "You couldn't plan this kind of variety, even if you tried." A wealth of imagery; 1275 Walnut St. Berkeley Art Center, in Live Oak Park.

**Human Comedy: Lithographs by Honore Daumier:** through Mar. 29. An exhibition by French satirical printmaker Honore Daumier (1808-1879) at the UC-Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film

Archive this week; at the Theater Gallery, 2626 Bancroft Way. Call 642-0808 for more info.

**Jesus "Chucho" Angel Perez:** through Feb. 28; new and improved mixed media work; La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck in Berkeley, 849-9397.

**Art is Elementary: An Exhibit:** through Feb. 27; Selected works by young Albany Artists, aged four to ten; Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Albany, 524-9283.

**"The Louis Stein Collection: The Neighborhoods of Berkeley":** through April; a new exhibit of the Berkeley Historical Society looks at Berkeley's neighborhoods and the UC-Berkeley campus in the form of photographs and other material; Berkeley Historical Society, Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St; 848-0181.

**Berkeley Art Museum**  
**Bernard Maybeck Drawings:** extended through Feb. 8; a selection of drawings from San Francisco's radical romantic architect and champion of the California Arts and Crafts movement.

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**Paul Evans, President of Management, Money, Do Enough?;** 11:15 a.m. in room; Luncheon served 1 \$10.75 - \$12.25. Speaker at 12:30 p.m.; \$1 admission; students free. At the Berkeley, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley, or 845-4725.

**Feb. 7**  
**The East Bay Counseling Saturday Morning Lecture:** 10:30 a.m. - noon; "Why Can't More Like Me?" Explore your to opposite personalities, with Charles Wickstrand, MFCC, Branch Library, 2940 Broadway, Berkeley, 527-5430.

**Feb. 10**  
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# Scholar blazing her own trail in study of 'language acquisition'

started with a very casual conversation: "Oh, you go to Cal. What are you studying?" Tamah Rosenberg's answer intrigued me, I had to follow it up. For Tamah has worked out her major. She combines psychology, linguistics, and education to form a study of language Acquisition. She defines it as a "learning of a first language by infants up through young adults." She is particularly interested in the deaf culture and those that deal with learning

## Obituaries

### HAROLD A. TURNER

Harold A. Turner, 68, died suddenly on January 27, 1998 on his birthday. He is survived by his beloved

pre-deceased by his mother Rose Turner, and father, Ralph Ward Turner. He is survived by Raymond of Sacramento, Kenneth of Union City, Kenneth of Berkeley, and Donna Snyder, Edna Smith, Winifred and Dorothea Snyder, Berkeley, and Kevin and Denise Turner of Orlando, Steven Turner of Sacramento, Niklas Susan Moe of Walnut Creek, Lynda of Walnut Creek, Michael Turner of Sacramento, Michael Turner of Union City, Chris and Shannon Turner of Union City, Melissa, James, and Snyder of Berkeley. Great uncle to Leash and Leah Turner of Union City, and Raymond of Sacramento, and Julia, Vincent Amanda Padilla, Chad and Jeremy, and Binegar.

was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He worked for United Motor Since 1985. He previously worked for Caterpillar Tractor for 19

years and friends were invited to attend funeral services on Friday, January 30, 1998 at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 1000 S. Street, Union City. Visitation was on Friday, January 29, 1998 at Bergeson-Smith Mortuary, 40842 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA with vigil service at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church.

Flowers, donations may be made to Hospice. Hal loved his family, friends and co-workers. His favorite hobby was fishing with his best friend and wife, Joan. He recently celebrated their 31st anniversary.

language late, as so often happens with deaf youngsters.

Tamah, who was born deaf, explains that a large percentage of children have parents who are deaf, so they aren't given language early. The delay in learning language is often the cause of such children being diagnosed as retarded or autistic. She speaks of feral or wild children who are denied communication skills; of children who are forced to learn oral skills and not allowed to learn sign language. She explains that when such children are brought back into society they have usually passed what is called the "critical age of language learning." The theory says you have a certain amount of time to learn your language and get it into your brain for it to be a full and complete language. Unless you do, the theory adds, you can learn words, grammar and syntax, but it is not natural.

Working with children who are learning language late you find

special problems and takes a special way of teaching them American Sign Language or oral language.

Tamah Rosenberg is an interesting young woman. Actually her whole name is Tamah Wendy Gypsy Crystal Moon Williams Rosenberg. Her mother, she says, smiling, was something of a hippie when she was born, and her name had to have meaning. Each name does have a special meaning. Tamah means Joy in Old Hebrew, and her mother's name is Joy. And all of the rest of the names have a meaning or reference that is important. And her father, who, we decided was a "Southern California intellectual" left the naming to her mother. Tamah is not a relative of mine, but we do have a relative in common, which is how we met for our conversation.

She has lived at various times with her mother and then with her father, varying between a rural

area with her mother and the more urban area of Mill Valley (where she was born) when with her father. Her first summer in Berkeley was difficult because it was culture shock. But she has adjusted to it and loves it. She lives in Albany, where she house sits and helps to keep up the house where she lives. Her room is downstairs and away from the family, so she can keep her pet rabbit with her. She also works as a lifeguard for the City of Berkeley, and has worked with SNAP, a special needs aquatic program started by Dori Maxon, who works with kids with disabilities using the water for physical therapy and mental as well, trying to get them to work in groups, which is usually helpful for such children. Tamah also works at the Career Center as a peer adviser. She has worked at the Lawrence Hall of Science in the Chemistry Department, teaching kids of 5 to 12 years about chemistry, as well as cleaning up the lab, etc.

When asked how she came to make Language Acquisition her major, she said she had always been interested in American Sign Language. As a child, she says, she would go to the library with her dad and get books and teach herself to sign. She never did meet deaf people, but when at Cal she took a summer school class on deaf culture she did meet one, and they would get together on week ends and study together. She took a second level class through Vista

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



Community College, and speaks of being tutored by Susan Rutherford who taught deaf culture. She had not known, before taking these classes, that there was a certain deaf culture.

Some people, she notes, can hear high register sounds, some only low. And depending on when the onset of hearing loss happens, their lingual abilities vary. Did it happen post-lingual or pre-lingual? It all has an effect on their progress.

She speaks, also, of mainstreaming of deaf children in school. If they didn't have full language in their brains before they were mainstreamed, interaction in a hearing situation in a majority of their school time can cause them to be behind in their progress. "My first reaction was, of course you want mainstreaming, because that means it is more likely that everybody will accept them more easily." But her tutor explained that they needed to have a full language first before they could start interacting on a normal basis.

And how is she going to use this knowledge when she finishes? (It is taking her five years because of the need to work, first in a work study program and then, as noted previously, in other jobs). Her goal, she thinks, is to teach. She had thought she wanted to work

with kids with learning disabilities, before being caught by the language acquisition problems which, she said, is becoming a huge topic in a lot of circles. It has to do with cognitive signs—the way the brain works and, as noted, includes psychology, education and linguistics. The interdisciplinary aspects appeal to her.

"Part of me wants to go on and get a Masters degree and maybe a Ph.D., but because of money I will probably have to teach a while and then go back." San Francisco State has a good program, she notes, as does Gallaudet, "but to go there I would have to know the sign language better." which brings her to the questions on American Sign Language or SEE Signs, which is exact English. It is much more cumbersome, she says, but is meant to teach deaf children English. It is used in the Infant School for the Deaf and at John Muir Elementary School where deaf children go.

Tamah's fascination with the entire problem is contagious. And her enthusiasm is exciting. This is a young woman who has found herself and her career, and many people will be better for it.

I found Tamah accidentally, but most of the people I bring to you are suggested to me by you, the readers. Please continue to make your suggestions. I do appreciate them. Write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.



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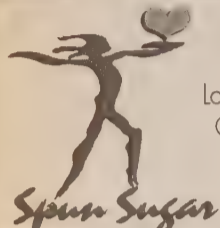
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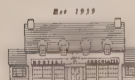
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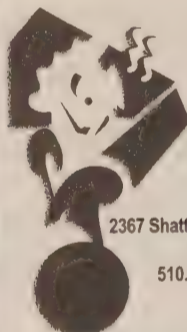
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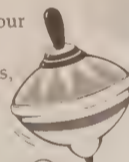
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## 1st-year Albany coach Nagel suddenly resigns

By Jelani Harper

Albany girls basketball coach Sabrina Nagel has resigned unexpectedly following Friday's game against St. Joseph. Junior varsity coach Al Baker will take over the team's coaching responsibilities, and he will be assisted on a limited basis by last year's varsity coach Dave De Hart. Nagel resigned with only five games left in the season. Under her guidance the team went 6-12, 1-5 in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League and finished second and third in the Sacred Heart and John

Swett tournaments. She was a first-year coach with no prior coaching experience.

When asked why she resigned, Nagel cited personal problems. "I tried with everything I had, and it (coaching Albany) was fun in the beginning," she said. "But toward the middle and the end it got to be too much. I handed in my letter of resignation and I hope for the best for the team."

Nagel has said that she would like to coach again, and is currently considering a city coaching position for children 7-to-12 years old.

## EBL: Jackets need to sting 'Stangs

By Jelani Harper

Attention all you Yellowjackets fans, Friday's Berkeley girls basketball team is finally going to have a game.

So what, they play every week you say? Well, the Jackets are going to get themselves a real game, because finally, they may face some real competition.

Friday at 7 p.m. the Jackets take on Monte Vista at home, and anyone who saw these two teams go at it last time knows it's sure to be a great game because the Mustangs have come closest to beating the Jackets in league this season.

The Jackets opened up the East Bay Athletic League against the Mustangs three weeks ago, and just barely got away with 57-54 victory.

Of course, the Jackets (18-3, 5-0 EBL) were on the road in that game, and Monte Vista's home

crowd was definitely a factor. Even though the game was actually played in San Ramon (one of Monte Vista's backboards was being replaced) the 'Stangs (13-7, 2-3) still had the full support of their hometown crowd, something the Jackets should hope-

fully have Friday.

"It's going to be a big game, it'll be a real test for us," remarked Jackets coach Gene Nakamura.

"That's why I told my players during our last game to not play carelessly and to be tough, because we have a big game coming on Friday."

The Jackets didn't have much of a tune-up for the Monte Vista game. On Tuesday they blew past California at home, 104-34. How bad, or how good depending on your per-

spective, of a game was it? California could only manage seven points the entire second half.

"You can't tell the girls to not play hard," offered Nakamura about the game's lopsided score. "I tried to keep them back and work all

kinds of half-court defenses (the Jackets normally employ a full-court press), but it was just one of those games. I mean I told them to only shoot 3s in that last quar-

ter, what else can you do?"

Not much, to be honest. But the Jackets won't have those kind of worries going up against Monte Vista. They'll have much bigger ones. Like Kelly Copelan, for starters.

The last time the two teams met

Copelan burned the Jackets for 24 points, and had Nakamura reconsidering his man-to-man defense philosophy. The first game proved the Jackets can still be successful if Copelan has a field day against them, but they're more likely to if they can find a way to contain her.

Another thing the Jackets need to work on is their free throws, particularly down the stretch. Foul shooting hasn't been much of a factor lately (their last couple of games have all been 20-point-plus victories) but the last time they played the 'Stangs, Berkeley went 2-for-11 from the line in the fourth quarter. That's cutting it just a little too close. "We still need more work," said Nakamura. "Particularly inside, our post-game definitely needs work. Our passing was pretty good tonight, but we definitely need to work on our defense."

**'It's going to be a big game, it'll be a real test for us.'**

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## EC-SM: 2 teams in different directions

By Jeff Sepulveda

Last Wednesday's boys soccer game between St. Mary's and El Cerrito was a game which pitted two teams on opposite ends of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League spectrum.

EC was atop the standings with a 2-0 record and trying to add to it by keeping a fierce pack of challengers at bay. SM entered the league near the bottom of the league standings, and is still struggling to find its way into the playoff picture.

EC's dominating the billing, EC dominated winning, 2-0, on its home field.

Shawn Fielder struck first for EC on a pass from Danny Smith to give the Gauchos a 1-0 lead in the first half. Forward Rigo made capped the offense after being on an assist from Gabe

EC dominated the midfield forcing the action into SM's half. The Gauchos outshot SM by a whopping 25-3 margin, and the Panthers never mounted a serious attack.

Sophomore Justin Kelley scored in goal for SM, making it 2-0. Many of which looked to be goals. His performance earned EC coach Fred Gonzalez a "with that many shots, we would have scored a lot more

standout Brad Moschetti and from injury to lead the team's defensive effort along with Steve Christiansen, Matthew



St. Mary's Tom Salvatore, left, and El Cerrito's Gabriel Gray aren't holding hands in match last Wednesday.

## Lady Cougars' soccer hopes for more prosperity

By Jelani Harper

The Cougars have an important game Monday, when they take on De Anza at Contra Costa College at 3:30 p.m.

"De Anza's going to be our biggest game, we're going to fight them for third place in our league," said Albany girls soccer coach Julie Gall.

"Hopefully, with my team prospering now, we'll be more than ready."

The Cougars (4-4-1, 4-2-1 Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League) may be prospering now, having gone unbeaten in five of their last six, they had a tough time of things in the early part of the season. They lost both of their pre-season games against bigger schools (Amador and Berkeley), but as Gall explained, playing bigger and bet-

ter schools was by design.

"In the past years Albany's varsity team has been put into situations where their preseason has not been challenging to them," Gall remarked. "I didn't want it that way. I wanted my players to be challenged and put in their place, so that they'll work hard. I expect that out of any team I coach."

Then, the Cougars opened up league play with a 3-0 loss to Alameda without starting goalkeeper Elizabeth Watty, who was out for several weeks with a sprained ankle. Watty was just the first in a long line of Cougars health problems, the most recent of which claimed Gall herself, who was out for 1-1/2 weeks while she nursed the flu.

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## El Cerrito's very good, but very complacent

By Jeff Sepulveda

El Cerrito boys basketball team continued mowing down the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League foes last week with wins over Salesian and St. Joseph's.

EC's biggest threat for most of the ACCAL season has been boredom and complacency after a string of wins. The biggest threat has been who will be the fifth starter, and who will perform well off the bench. The starters have put the Gauchos comfortably ahead.

Against the relatively weaker teams of the ACCAL's Powerhouse Division, EC has stood out like a sore thumb.

Friday brought a 66-51

victory over Salesian, and a 67-56 cakewalk against SM on Tuesday. The wins improved EC's ACCAL mark to 5-1 and created a three-way tie for second place in the Super Power division behind De Anza, after the Dons stunned St. Joseph with an overtime victory Tuesday night.

The Gauchos came out blazing against the Panthers, hitting five of their first six 3-point shots en route to a 24-8 first quarter lead. Emonte Jernigan had eight of his 14 points in the first quarter, including two 3-pointers. Jovan Harris had nine first quarter points, while Jeremiah King and Andrew Gooden each contributed a 3-point bomb.

SM made a bit of a run in the second quarter while EC's starters got lengthy rests. But the Pan-

thers lacked the scoring punch that the Gauchos oozed, and EC turned enough SM mistakes into easy baskets to maintain the double digit lead throughout the game.

Sophomore Ebon Glenn was a bright spot in a dreadful game for SM, scoring 13 of his team-high 17 points in the second half. Gibran Duhe finished with 11, but the Panthers were hampered by woe-ful offensive night from starters Duan Jones, Aaron Rothschild, and Billy Heide who combined for a mere 16 points, including a scoreless third period.

The 11-point margin was quite misleading, as that was as close as the Panthers came to EC since midway through the first quarter. EC led, 63-43 with just over three minutes remaining. The loss dropped SM to 3-4 in ACCAL

play, but didn't dampen the Panthers' playoff status, as all of the teams in the Powerhouse Division have struggled against their Super Power rivals.

Harris finished with 22 points for the Gauchos, nearly all of which were of the spectacular variety. SM's lazy zone was destroyed by hot EC shooting in the first quarter, and Harris showed why he's virtually unstoppable in a one-on-one matchup, with an assortment of driving dunks and backdoor layups mixed with the occasional deadeye jumpshot.

The six-foot-nine Gooden also had a significant impact against a small SM team. Though seeming a bit lost in EC's freelance offense which was dominated for most of the game by a little Jernigan and a whole lot of Harris, Gooden fin-

ished with 12 points, eight of which came in the second half, and grabbed 12 rebounds and swatted six shots.

After the game, Gooden said he was happy to contribute in any way he could. "We have a great team," he said. "We have a lot of scorers. Somebody different has a good night every game. I try to play a good all-around game and help the team win."

EC coach Chris Huber was unimpressed by his team's effort after the first quarter blitz. "It's disappointing not to be able to extend a lead. We played poorly after the first quarter. We were sloppy. There was a lack of intensity."

Even Harris, who had a consistently excellent performance admitted to easing up. "We let down

in the second and third quarters," he said. "I did too, I admit it."

Which brings up the paradox for this EC team: They are so talented that they dominate lesser teams and let down after getting big leads. But against better competition, like St. Joe and in a pre-season game against De LaSalle, they are unable to step up in pressure situations. Both games resulted in last minute losses in games where the Gauchos outplayed their opponents.

EC needs to summon all the intensity it can muster next week as it faces tough Super Power matchups at Richmond (who beat EC in the final of the Alhambra High tournament) on Tuesday night at 7 p.m., and at home against currently undefeated De Anza next Friday night at 7 p.m.

# Cougars look for 1st ACCAL win

By Jelani Harper

The time is right, the moon is in position and with a little luck maybe, just maybe, the Cougars are due for their first league win.

On Friday, Albany's boys basketball team (4-17, 0-7 Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League) takes on Piedmont on the road, and the Cougars have as good a chance as any to come up victorious. After all, Piedmont is just as winless as they are.

"It just might be the battle for the last spot," joked Cougars coach Doug Kagawa about Friday's game. "But seriously, Albany and Piedmont is always a battle because we have a big rivalry."

If their play of late is any indication, the Cougars really are due for a win. They nearly got

one last Friday when they just barely fell to St. Elizabeth, 47-43, in what was their closest ACCAL loss yet.

Exactly how close was it? Put it this way: the Cougars were trailing by two with 12 seconds left in the game, and they had possession of the ball. Starting point guard Darryl Robinson was bringing the ball up the floor, and all he needed to do was cross half-court and call timeout. As he neared the half-way line, he was suddenly stripped of the ball and could only watch as St. Elizabeth iced the game with a layup.

"We were right there to win the game, we just couldn't finish it," Kagawa said. "The kids played their hearts out, too. They were disappointed, after the game they lowered their heads in the locker room — we

wouldn't let them lower their heads on the court."

The Cougars did play one heck of a basketball game, particularly on defense. St. Elizabeth's leading scorer Darnell Morgan and all-league performer, was held to just seven points, all of which came in the second half.

"We knew he could light it up, we just played a kind of giving defense that was able to hold him," explained Kagawa. "But when you do that what you gamble on is that you hold their star, and hope that one of their role players doesn't step up and be All-American. But that's just what happened."

Sophomore Julian Beavidez was able to pick up the slack and take the space the Cougars gave Morgan. He scorched the Cougars for 15 points (six in the last

quarter) and 10 rebounds.

But the Cougars were no slouches on offense either. Guard Andrew Hara was able to drive to the basket several times, while senior Guthrie Fleischman and junior Mark Johnson poured in 3s.

But in the end it just wasn't enough for the Cougars, who came so close but finished so far.

"We just can't separate from the other team," remarked Kagawa. "We can get up one, two, three points but then we'll miss a couple of layups and then they'll hit a 3 and be right there with us."

"It's tough when you're 0-7," he continued. "But the kids show up everyday for practice and they work hard. Sometimes the journey is more important than getting there. The kids are showing up everyday and playing hard so, that's all we can ask for."

# Cougars

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"The team has faced quite a bit of adversity, there's been quite a few injuries and illnesses," remarked Gall. "Illness has been more common than usual this season because of all the rainy weather. So we've had to fill in some positions with second string and junior varsity players."

But the Cougars have still developed a very positive season. Senior Doris Mitchell organizes the Cougars defense from the sweeper position, while strikers Christina Leonard and Teresa Diaz handle things on the other end of the field with six goals a piece.

But it's freshmen striker Kyle Kemp who is the Cougars' real star. She currently leads them with seven goals and four assists.

"At the very beginning of the season Kyle had what a coach

would call stage fright," Gall. "She couldn't drive with the ball in a game, but in practice her shot was polished and crisp. She worked together with the grindstone and got her head prepared for the mental the game."

All of the Cougars are the benefits.

"It's real clear to me connection on this deeper than just getting off," explained Gall. "strong unit when they together, they function squad. I'm really proud for how they've handled different situations they've faced."

"And I think we'll be De Anza on Monday," continued. "My team was better than any other team I've before in my life. They to go, they're tired of losses we have."



## EC-SM

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Kucera, and Gustavo Cruz.

After the game, an excited EC coach Fred Gonzalez had his eyes on the bottom line. "This was an important victory for us because we need the points to keep ahead in the playoff race."

For SM, coach Eric Ballin was trying to focus on positives. "Justin Kelley is playing really well for us. We're a very young team, we have five freshmen including three starters (Nolan Horinouchi, Patrick Barry, and Lester Ransom) and we haven't really picked up my system yet," he peaking at the right time and can still qualify for the last playoff spot."

Last Friday's games brought different results for both SM and EC. SM beat Salesian, 1-0, as Kelley pitched a shutout. Senior Jarett Horinouchi, normally a defensive standout in SM's 3-4-3 set was moved up to a forward position and it paid off with the winning goal with under two minutes remaining. The win improved SM's ACCAL mark to 2-5 with five games remaining.

EC fell 3-2 at Alameda to drop the Gauchos to 5-3-2 in ACCAL play with only two games remaining, including Friday's home game vs. Encinal at 3:30 p.m. Next up for SM after Wednesday's game hosting Berean Christian is another home game against Piedmont at 3:30 p.m.

Jeff Lindquist, St. Mary's James Jarosz, right, and Charles Richey fight each other for the ball in last Wednesday's loss to El Cerrillo.

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# pitching again will be Cal question

**Scott Strain**

The Cal baseball team hopes to win the Six-Pac-Six cellar this season, but to do that the Bears have to rely on something that was shaky last year — pitching.

Cal's top starter last season was Jon Shirley, who suffered through 17 years and had five no-decisions. He'll be back, but the big question mark is whether he can command a variety of pitches and could be the key to Cal's return to conference prominence and perhaps a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Also in the mix are Jason Dennis, who also will be platooned at first base, Brad Steele, Jason Ball, and freshman Ryan Atkinson.

If the pitching comes through, the Bears most assuredly will improve on their 13-28 record of last season.

"I think we'll be a lot better than people think," coach Bob Milano said. "We're going to fight like a son of a buck to try and place third or fourth in the conference and get back to the regionals."

To do that, the team will have to play at least a few games, weather permitting. Cal opened its season last weekend by dropping two of three road games to Cal State-Fullerton (see Cal Digest) and are scheduled to play a three-game set this weekend against Pepperdine in Malibu. A game at St. Mary's Tuesday was postponed.

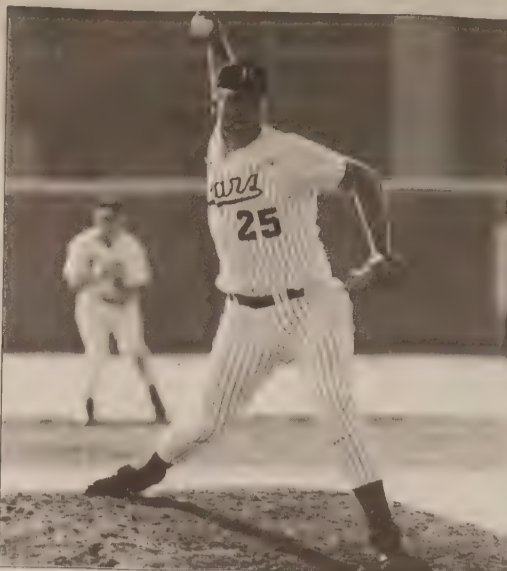
Offensively, Cal will rely on shortstop Brian Oliver, who is a third-team All-American pick in both College Baseball and Baseball America. Oliver hit .364 last season and led the team in practically every offensive category.

The Bears will also rely on catcher Jason Hill to have a breakout year. Hill hit only .215 last season, but is a fine defensive catcher who possesses a strong throwing arm. Hill also is a third-team selection in Baseball America. Both Oliver and Hill were on the USA National Team, which was also coached by Milano.

Oliver and second baseman Xavier Nady are set up the middle, but Milano plans to platoon at both first and third base. Dennis and David Stark will split time at first, with Stark playing when Dennis is pitching. Both are freshmen. Freshman Clint Hoover and junior Dan Garfin will split time at third.

**'We're going to fight like a son of a buck to try and place 3rd or 4th.'**

— BOB MILANO, CAL COACH



Ryan Drese is trying to come back from a strained elbow ligament.

The outfield appears to be set also with senior co-captain Aaron Gordnier and sophomores Juan Hernandez and Curtis Johnson.

The team's biggest problem right now is the weather. Scheduled outdoor practices, have been postponed. Even Evans Diamond is not what it used to be.

Due to construction at the adjacent Haas Pavilion, Evans is lacking bleachers on the left side of the field.

Milano, however, is optimistic. "There is no question the talent is there," he said. "My concern is our youthfulness and our pitching — is it going to be consistent and remain healthy?"

Right now, no one knows.

**Bears open baseball season, going 1-3**

The Cal baseball team won one of three games last weekend at No. 10 Cal State-Fullerton. The Bears defeated the Titans, 6-5, in 12 innings on Friday; and lost, 12-1, on Saturday and, 8-7, on Sunday.

In the season-opener on Friday, the Bears were finally able to win the four-hour and 50-minute marathon when freshman first baseman Jason Dennis hit a two-out double to score freshman second baseman Xavier Nady in the top of the 12th. In the bottom of the inning, sophomore right-hander Brad Steele came in for Cal, and after giving up a one-out single, was able to strike out the next two batters to earn his first save of his career.

The winning pitcher was junior left-hander Reed Goemann, who came in the game in the 11th and was able to get the final out of that inning.

Top hitters for Cal were Nady, who went 3-for-5 with a double, and junior shortstop Brian Oliver, who was 2-for-6 with a two-run homer. The Bears also received an outstanding pitching effort from sophomore starter Jon Shirley, who went 6.0 innings with five hits, one earned run, one walk and six strikeouts.

In Saturday's 12-1 loss, junior right-hander Ryan Drese made his first start since Feb. 8 of last season (when he strained ligaments in his right elbow and was out for the season), but suffered the loss after throwing 3.7 innings with five hits, three earned runs and five walks.

Top hitter for Cal was sophomore outfielder Juan Hernandez, who went 2-for-4.

On Sunday, the Bears played another tight game with the Titans, finally losing in the bottom of the ninth when Steele gave up two runs in relief. Cal had jumped out to a 7-5 lead with a four-run seventh inning, powered by a three-run homer by junior catcher Jason Hill. Hill finished the day 2-for-4 with four RBI and Oliver was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

The 100 back (56.24), freshman Hanna Jaltner in the 100 breast (Cal dual meet record 1:02.90), sophomore Waen Minpraphal in the 200 fly (NCAA qualifying 1:59.32) and junior Marilyn Chiang in the 50 free (season-best 23.39). The Bears also won the 200 free relay with a school dual meet record time of 1:34.17 (Cope, Nicole Omphroy, Anya Kolbisen, Chiang) and Chiang automatically qualified for the NCAAAs with a second-place finish in the 100 fly (54.77).

Against UCLA, sophomore Elli Overton won three events, and Chiang and Cope again excelled. Overton won the 200 back (2:03.00), the 200 fly (2:05.12) and 200 breast with a Cal dual meet record of 4:17.93. Chiang also topped the field in the 50 free (23.56) and 100 fly (54.91), while Cope also placed first in the 100 back (season-best 55.79).

The Cal women will next travel to Stanford on Feb. 14.

**Men drown Pacific**

The No. 12 men's swim team (4-1) dominated Pacific, 142-60, last Wednesday in Stockton. The Bears captured eight of the 11 events.

Freshman James Davison was a double winner for Cal, placing first in the 1000 free (9:36.57) and the 100 free (50.68). Several of the Bears swam off events against the Tigers. Cal's next competition is Friday at UC Santa Barbara; and Saturday at USC.

**Both tennis teams win**

Both of Cal tennis team posted unblemished records last week in dual match action. The men, currently ranked No. 37, defeated Washington, Jan. 29, 7-0, and then knocked off Oregon, 6-1.

Entering the Oregon match, the Bears had not lost a singles point in dual match play, winning 20 consecutive individual matches. Although they nearly blanked Oregon, that string was broken in No. 1 singles as the Ducks' Erwan Kergrach got past Cal's Bobby Mahal 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 in a three-set thriller.

The Bears are now 4-0 on the season. The women, currently the nation's seventh-ranked squad, fared even better, taking all four matches contested last week. On Tuesday, the Bears blew past Santa Clara, 8-1. Cal then knocked off Washington, 7-2, Washington State, 7-2 and Oregon, 5-1, on the road and improved its overall record to 5-0.

**Women swimmers split in L.A.**

The No. 9 Cal women's swim team (12-1) fell to No. 3 USC, 185-113, but rebounded to defeat No. 16 UCLA, 156-144, last weekend in Los Angeles.

Individual winners for the Bears against the defending national champion Trojans were freshman Haley Cope in

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## On The Snowline

By Charlie Coane

Teddy Roosevelt called Yosemite – "The most beautiful place on earth," when he visited with John Muir in 1903.

I'm sure that comment comes under some scrutiny, but Yosemite is certainly right up there somewhere.

It's a year-round playground that is located less than a four hour drive from just about anywhere in the Bay Area.

Yosemite is one of America's most popular summer destination spots, but the winter has its own special beauty in this magnificent

place.

The beautiful glacier-carved valley is surrounded by great granite domes and peaks, and giant waterfalls spilling down ... especially spectacular in the Spring.

Yosemite was established as a National Park by an act

of Congress in 1890, and it's about the size of the state of Rhode Island.

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## The Spies on The Ski Hill

By Ginny Prior

Despite the wet snow, the bathrooms were clean! This was one of the entries in my log as a "Secret Shopper" at Diamond Peak.

My family and I were spies at the North Lake Tahoe ski area last month, taking notes on everything from the food service to the lift ticket operators.

It was, as they say, "the ultimate freebie" and we eagerly accepted our assignment.

Diamond Peak, like many other hospitality businesses, is deeply concerned about its image. A family of four can easily spend \$200 or more on a day's skiing and a bad time means they might take their money elsewhere.

We were told to charge everything at Diamond Peak and we'd be reimbursed at the end of the day. Management was paying for our critique and our advice.

Our undercover assignment began as we pulled up to the front of the crowded parking lot and were greeted with a smile, not a scowl. There were no "dudes" with attitudes telling us we couldn't park there, even for a quick passenger drop-off. Instead, these attendants were friendly and accommodating. I gave them a top grade.

The lady at the lift ticket booth took the time to find me the best package deals for my four and seven year olds. It took a little longer to calculate, but she showed me the money I'd be saving. It was the one time in my life I didn't care, but I appreciated her effort.

The bathrooms were clean. Check. The rental staff was efficient. Check. The food was great. Say what?

I repeat, the food was great! I had a Chinese Chicken Salad that was as tasty as any restaurant salad.

My husband had a heavenly (if not fattening) Patty melt, and the kids slurped up their soup in a bread bowl. I'm convinced that the glass of wine I had helped prepare me for my afternoon lesson ... Snowboarding.

This is no easy feat for a 44 year old mother of two. I've skied all my life, but snowboarding uses muscles, that are meant to lay dormant at my age.

None the less, I gulped my wine, strapped on my snowboard and prepared to meet my maker instructor, Josh.

This was my fourth snowboard lesson in two years and I made great progress. You should have seen me zip past the two nine year olds who were also in my class. It was a proud moment.

I gave Josh an A+ for his instruction, his encouraging

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## Martin Snapp

**Let's Just My Bill:** Let me start out by acknowledging that last week's column was probably the most unpopular one I've ever written. By letter, e-mail, and e-mail, you've let me know that I came too hard on Clinton.

Most of the messages were quite thoughtful, a few downright hostile, but they all boil down to two points:

The evidence is still only circumstantial, and even if he did it, so what?

To which I can only reply by quoting Henry David Thoreau: "Some circumstantial evidence is very strong, as when you find a trout in the milk." Okay, do you think I enjoy being in bed (Oops! choice of words!) with Rush Limbaugh and Helms? Let's just agree to disagree for a while. The whole story will eventually come out, and we'll see who was right.

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In the meantime, if you're sick of the sex scandals, how about taking a break with the sex scandals of 1735?

They're all on view at the UC-Berkeley Art Museum, at the delightful new Hogarth exhibition, a project with the British Museum.

Hogarth was the Doonesbury of his day, weaving the foibles of both high and low with his masterfully crafted cartoons. But he was more than that. He was also David Letterman, Jay Leno and Russell, all rolled into one, because the medium was working in — popular prints — was the mass medium, as dominant then as television is now.

The whole exhibit is a delight from beginning to end. Curator James Steward has served up an abundance of riches by sandwiching it between a collection of prints by Daumier (a 19th century master of Hogarth) on one side and a collection of prints by David Hockney (a 20th century disciple of Hogarth) on the other.

If you decide to take in this exhibit, do yourself a favor and buy a catalog first, because there's a lot going on in a Hogarth print than there is in your average Peanuts or Doonesbury strip. (Folks in the 18th century had a longer attention span than we do.) The characters in the prints were as familiar to Hogarth's contemporaries as Charlie Brown and Snoopy are to us. But today, more than two centuries later, you can't tell the players without a catalog.

The Hogarth exhibit runs through April 18. The Daumier exhibit runs through March 29. If you love old cartoons as much as I do, both are a must-see.

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Shouldn't you know it? No sooner does Lionel Lincoln than Joe Alioto totally eclipses him by a few days later. Poor Oakland! Relegated to the back of the line again!

All their differences — Alioto was decisive, Lincoln was maverick, three things nobody ever said of Wilson — the two men had one thing in common: They were both drafted for the job.

In 1967, the Democratic candidate for mayor of San Francisco was supposed to be state Senator Gene McAttee. But McAttee dropped dead from a heart attack a few weeks before the election, and the race ended in a last-minute stand-in.

Joe Alioto. He'd never held elective office, and most people had never heard of him. But at the moment he announced his candidacy, there was something about him that was made you sit up and take notice. He oozed command and confidence. And he won in a landslide.

Joe Wilson, he would much rather have been a judge — a job for which he was temperamentally far more suited — for the rest of his life.

Wilson was desperate for a respected African American to preside over the long-overdue transfer of power from the old white establishment to the up-and-coming black establishment. There was simply no one else who fit the bill.

Wilson gave up the one job he had always wanted. And I'm sure a part of him regretted it. But he was a man with a sense of duty, and when it called, he answered. And he was elected mayor by as close to a unanimous consensus as we're ever likely to see, from the Black Panthers to the Chamber of Commerce.

Wilson can see Alioto's monument every time you drive over the Bay Bridge. Look over to the left, and you'll see what all of San Francisco used to look like: no skyscrapers, just rooftops on hills, like a Tuscan village.

Look over to the right, at the now-familiar skyline, and you can see Alioto's legacy. History will regard him as the great builder, the man who dragged his city and screaming, into the 20th century and made it ready for the 21st. But a lot of us traditionalists miss the good old days, when Coit Tower dwarfed the city.

Wilson, too, has left his own monument. His critics will say it's City Center and the Airport and the Oakland, and they're right. His critics will say those abandoned office buildings on the other side of Broadway, across the street from City Center. They might be right, too.

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## I-80

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erations. "But over time, as the population grows with the booming Bay Area economy," even that time-savings will disappear.

But that isn't the real emphasis anyhow. If everything works as planned, bus riders and carpools will see a dramatic difference, zipping past congested traffic with direct access to eastbound 580 or the Bay Bridge toll plaza, with those traveling the complete route cutting some 30 minutes off their present trip. During commute hours (5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.) carpools will realize the added benefit of toll-free passage on the Bay Bridge, not a minor consideration at \$2 per westbound crossing.

There are also new interchanges at the Richmond Parkway (designed to accommodate carpools and buses, including those coming to and from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge) and Cutting Boulevard (where multi-passenger vehicles will have direct access to and from the Del Norte BART station). "We're hoping we get buses dropping lots of people off there," Hein said.

Because of weather, the massive project, started in September 1992, is running somewhat behind schedule. The original opening of the westbound HOV lane and "flyover" to the Bay Bridge was supposed to be in December. And the eastbound portion that will handle the commute back is not scheduled to open until the summer of 1999. But at this point the project actually looks like it will come in slightly under budget at \$355 million, according to Caltrans District 4 Director Harry Yahata.

The project also faced challenges from environmentalists for its encroachment on wetlands in Emeryville, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the City of Berkeley.

But the latest challenge came over operating hours for high-occupancy-vehicles in the diamond lane.

For at least the next six months, the lane will be accessible to HOVs only from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., a major departure from Caltrans HOV operating hours everywhere else in the state.

State Sen. Richard Rainey of Walnut Creek is unconvinced of the necessity and the California Highway Patrol is concerned about the responsibility of enforcing the law at times when demand for the lane may be light.

All sides—including cities along



The Cutting Boulevard diamond lane entrance is touted as unique for providing direct access to the HOV lane.

## EC less than enthusiastic about transit hub

While regional officials say they hope to "get lots of buses dropping people off" via the new HOV access to the Del Norte BART station, some local officials are not that enthused about the notion of promoting the Del Norte location as a transit hub. No less than six bus agencies (AC Transit, BART Express, Fairfield Express, Golden Gate Transit, Vallejo Transit and WestCAT) funnel passengers to Del Norte from three counties. The station figures to pull in its share of carpools as well. Councilmember Mark Friedman said this week that he would prefer that BART expand north rather than focusing on Del Norte, and colleague Larry Damon reiterated his position that he would like to see Del Norte become a destination rather than a point of departure.

The I-80 corridor — have agreed to what is being called a "pilot program" with the longer operating hours, when usage will be monitored. The program is supposed to be in place for the next 18 months, but conditions will be observed through the end of July, when a review and evaluation of off-hour usage will be evaluated.

In the meantime, officials are warning solo drivers of the penalty for misuse of the lanes, noting that the fine is \$271. CHP assistant Chief Bill Dwyer said there will probably be a grace period as the lane is

phased in, but as for how long, he said it will depend "on a lot of factors."

In the portions of the HOV lane that have already opened (Pinole Valley Road and Cutting opened in both directions last February/March) there were a lot of violations at first, but the rate (around 5 to 9 percent of vehicles) is comparable to typical HOV lanes, he said.

Yee said he expects use of the lane "to be slightly low, but as people see the time savings I think it will jump quite dramatically."

Time will tell.

## Legal

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mer, a decision that was allowed to stand when the state Supreme Court refused to reconsider the matter. Calling the CRG lawsuit "a David versus Goliath battle... with Goliath being cheered on by numerous California cities and private developer groups," the motion cites the "token compensation" received by CRG's two attorneys as one of numerous reasons the fee amount should not only be awarded, but increased by 50 percent.

"Essentially, you're taking a major risk that you may not be paid at all," said Outis, adding that the time spent fighting the case has cut into his normal practice. "There is work that I have not been able to take as a result of this case," Outis said, admitting that, while the lawsuit as a whole is not over, now is the time to be paid.

CRG's appellate court victory, though it certainly marked a final matters to Superior Court. Still to be decided: the effect of a "partition" ballot question had on the 1994 election in which Albany voters approved a 150-table cardroom at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack by a narrow margin, and the effect of a memorandum signed by the city in 1996 promising environmental review of the project.

Other causes of action alleged by CRG were ruled against in both superior and appellate court.

The request for attorneys' fees stems from what is known as a "private attorney general" action in which a private group, with no financial interest in a case, is successful in litigation deemed to be in the public's interest. According to a case cited in the motion, the purpose of the law is to "encourage suits effectuating a strong (public) policy by awarding substantial attorney's fees," stating that, "with-

out some mechanism authorizing the award of attorney fees... (such actions would) be infeasible."

Outis himself stands to collect more than \$600,000 if the motion is granted, while CRG's other attorney, Dan Taaffe, would earn \$270,000 for the work he has done since signing on to the case in 1996. Other expenses include photocopying (\$1,969), postage (\$269.76) and telephone charges (\$245.12), although other time-consuming activities, such as the many hours Outis has spent answering journalists' inquiries, were not billed.

Also, the "fee enhancement" multiplier of 1.5 should be applied "to reflect such considerations as the contingent nature of the fees, the novelty and difficulty of the case, the skill of the attorneys, and delay in payment occasioned by the duration of the litigation," the motion states. ("CRG's attorneys" knew that CRG would not be able to pay anything but perhaps a token compensation. They also knew that they faced adversaries who had large financial stakes in the outcome of the litigation and substantial resources to protect those interests.")

All legal costs on the part of Albany and Ladbroke — which had exceeded \$600,000 as of late 1996 — have thus far been borne by Ladbroke. As for whether Ladbroke will continue to pay the legal bills if the current motion is granted, City Attorney Robert Zweben said, "I don't see any reason why it's going to be treated any differently than any of the other past obligations," while Ford felt such questions put the wrong "spin" on the story, and chose instead to focus on what he felt was the obscenity of the issue at hand.

"This case is hardly over," Ford said, an opinion seconded by Zweben, who called the 50 percent increase in fees "absurd."

"Part of their entitlement to attorneys' fees is that they are consid-

ered to be a successful litigant," Zweben said, pointing to the above-mentioned matters still to be decided in Superior Court. Also, Zweben said, as the motion covers causes of action "that were out in left and right field that (CRG) was not victorious on," the bills for that portion of CRG attorneys' time should likewise be thrown out.

The next step in the motion will occur in March, when Ladbroke and Albany will undoubtedly fight tooth and nail to have the fees reduced, delayed, or thrown out entirely. Of course, the losing side will have a right to appeal, which in turn would delay the matter for months or even years.

Outis, while admitting "the case ain't over until it's over," said the day had come for CRG to collect its money. "That's not to say we're not currently entitled to our attorneys' fees," he said. "I think the work and the result speaks for itself."

## General

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But Peter Loubal, who often speaks up at council meetings, did say he found the MIG proposal too general and non-specific.

MIG's proposal would cost the city about \$200,000, but costs could increase if the process and plan approval drag on. MIG's schedule should produce a draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report by Jan. 1999.

Councilmember Mark Friedman said he would like to see a cap of \$200,000 budgeted for the process without a loophole that would allow the fee to increase.

Councilmember Gina Brusatori noted that, "the General Plan is something we're going to have to live with for the next decade or two." She added: "I want to make sure we involve people during the process—early in the process."



## Bill Mann

**Nagano's Job:** There's an 11-hour time difference between here and Japan, so that means most of the Winter Olympics, which start this weekend, will be seen mostly on tape on CBS and to a lesser extent on TNT. But the networks have a new weapon in their arsenal to kill all that time before the big advertising bucks and high ratings finally kick in — figure skating the following next two weekends.

That weapon? Snowboarding? No ... curling! You like watching pro bowling on TV? (God, do I ever!) If so, you'll love curling. There'll be eight days coverage of it starting next week. So, what is it? Think shuffleboard on ice. This is curling's debut as an Olympic sport, and I was amazed when I saw American TV networks were going to cover it. It's not the silliest-looking Olympic sport. No, synchronized swimming still holds that distinction.

Remember that ski scene in The Beatles' film "Help"? If so, do you recall that ludicrous-looking round stone with a handle sticking out of the top — the one the villain rigged with a bomb to blow up the Fab Four? That was a curling stone. And if you've never seen a curling competition, you're in for a real treat. Or some laughs. It's the Canuck equivalent of bowling, but with brooms.

Curling, like that other silly game, golf, was invented by the occasionally perverse Scots. I'd never even seen curling until I lived in Canada in the '70s; it's on network TV up there a lot. The first time I tuned by a curling match, I couldn't believe my eyes. This big rock is thrown delicately by the "skip" (he's the guy with the '50s haircut wearing the sweater festooned with maple leaves). As the stone glides down the ice toward a bull's-eye, two guys with brooms sweep furiously in front of it as the skip yells directions. (This speeds up the stone or slightly changes its direction). It looks pretty bizarre; you couldn't invent something this silly looking.

As a sportswriter in Montreal, I was sent to cover a bonspiel, a big curling competition. The Lady Tweedsmuir, this bonspiel was called, and I'm not making that up. Think of a large bowling alley but the lanes are all ice, and you get the scene.

Know how big curling is in Canada? Out in bleak Manitoba and Alberta, where the winters seem nine months long, cars and even houses are given away as prizes in the bigger bonspiels. Curling Fever ... catch it, eh?


**MULTIMEDIA NOTES:** Speaking of the Canadians and the Olympics, although you'll see a lot of the U.S. men's and women's hockey teams in the next two weeks on U.S. TV — our women should repeat as winners — the Canuck men's team is hockey's equivalent of the U.S.'s NBA-laden Dream Team in basketball. Canadian pros are finally being allowed to play for their country, ensuring our northern neighbors' rightful dominance in the Olympics. After all, it IS their national game ... Politics: Think of Donald Trump wearing a long wig, and what do you get? Zippergate wire-wearer Linda Tripp ... Oakland reader Jim Heward e-mails that the Marine Band is rehearsing a new song, "Jail to The Chief." That seems a bit extreme. David Letterman says where else but the White House would you hear a secretary say, "Sir, your 3 a.m. is here." Good point ... KGO Radio's Ronn Owens, meanwhile, says he's gotten "pummeled" by listeners saying enough, already of Lewinskygate (Letterman's term). "But if this were President Dan Quayle," he adds, "You wouldn't get enough of it." ... Could KTVU/KCBS business guy Brian Bannmiller seriously have been thinking of running for statewide office? When I heard that bizarre report I thought maybe it was Bannmiller's identical twin. (Yes, he has one) ...

My father was a gentile who loved speaking Yiddish around our house (he went to a predominantly Jewish high school in Cleveland). And I thought I knew quite a bit of Yiddish myself until KBHK program boss and all-around funny guy Tom Spitz e-mailed me some actual personal ads from Israel, sent to him by a friend there. A sample (you may need a Yiddish translator, too): "Your place or mine? Divorced man, 42, with fleishig dishes only. Seeking woman with nice milchig set. Object: macaroni." ... "Matzo supplier, 53, seeks cloth bag manufacturer. Let's play 'Hide the Afikomen.'" One more: "Couch potato latke, in search of the right applause. Let's try it for eight days. Who knows?" OK, enough, already.

More ethnic humor: This time each year it's obligatory to recycle and update this old gag: Know what I dislike about Chinese New Year? For the next two weeks I know I'll forget and keep writing Year of the Ox on all my checks ... Is it just me, or do East Bay folks have a slightly different take on the late Joe Alioto than San Franciscans do? The late mayor may have been politically noble by SF standards, but this was the same guy, after all, who helped Al Davis rip the Raiders from Oakland. And did hard-core San Franciscans like Alioto give a damn when the Raiders left? Of course not ... That classic line comes back: People in San Francisco get up and go to breakfast. People in Oakland get up and go to work ... The late Lionel Wilson didn't get nearly as much TV coverage when he passed away that same week, and the classy Oakland mayor deserved every bit as much ... Bad enough that Martha Stewart now "graces" CBS-TV five mornings a week. But now we also have to endure "Ask Martha" on KCBS Radio twice a day. The other day on KCBS, the all-knowing domestic doyenne was explaining to us flat-earth types all about the solar system and how the sun is actually closer to us in this hemisphere in the winter. Really? Wow! How did we live without dear Martha? But wait, there's someone even more annoying, someone who's also all over the dial: Alleged comic Chris Rock ... Next time: Luge-mania!

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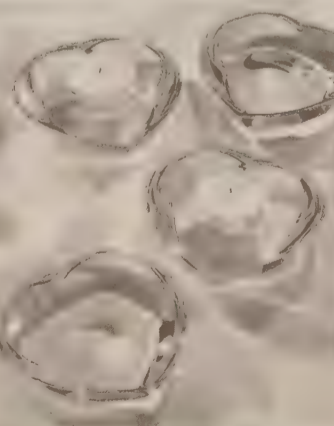
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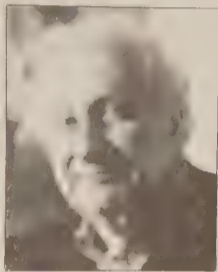
Las de Espana

## Spanish and flamenco dance

Carolina Lugo's "Brisas de Espana" brings the fiery passion of Spanish and flamenco dance to Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley, on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$50.54. Details: 525-5054.

## An evening with Studs and Howard

Award-winning author Alice Walker will welcome legendary Chicago author Studs Terkel and social historian Howard Zinn in a special WFA Radio benefit on Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. at King Middle School, 1818 Rose St. in Berkeley. Terkel at 85 was named 1997 recipient of the National Humanitarian Award and National Book Award. Zinn, described by Walker as "the best teacher ever had, and the funniest," is the author of numerous books, including "People's History of the United States" and "The Zinn Reader." The combination of Zinn and Terkel promises to be a memorable evening of dialogue between two figures beloved to several generations. Tickets: \$15 advance, \$17 at the door. Available Avenue Books, Black Oak Books, Bonanza Street, Cody's, Diesel, GAIA, Magnus, Pendragon and Walden Pond. Details: 848-6767, ext. 609.



Studs Terkel

## Valentine's performance

In honor of Valentine's Day, Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Sonoma Ave. in El Cerrito, presents an encore performance of its 1996 production of A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters, starring Theo Collins and Louis Flynn as dear friends whose entwined lives unfold through their witty, poignant correspondence over the years. Performances are 2 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 14 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15. Tickets: \$10 general, \$6 age 18 and under. Details: 524-1132.

## Dance Theatre of Harlem

The West Coast premiere of *Sasanka* will be presented by the Dance Theatre of Harlem at UC-Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall (Acroft at Telegraph) Feb. 5-7 for matinee and evening performances. Tickets: \$18-\$40. Details: 642-9988.

## Clowning around

On Sunday at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., the Buddy Club features Ringling Bros. Clown Penelope P. Ballester, a hilarious physical comedian, who will trip, fall and juggle all over the stage. Hosting the show is singer Kathy Mick, whose three-person bluegrass band is a favorite in the East Bay. Admission: \$6 per person (under 2 years free.)

## Early music at St. Alban's

Shira Kammen and John Fleagle present a concert of medieval and early music featuring voices, vielle, hurdy-gurdy and other medieval instruments on Friday, February 6 at 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Church, 1501 Washington (at Curtis) in Albany. The suggested donation of \$10 benefits St. Alban's Roof Fund. Details: 525-1716.

## Piano virtuoso

One of the great pianists of this century, Richard Goode, returns to the Bay Area for his only Bay Area appearance this season at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$22, \$32 and \$42. Details: 642-9988.



Drummer James Henry

## African Drumming

Celebrate Black History Month at Berkeley Public Library with percussionist-drummer James Henry in three free programs of magical and inspirational fun combining African and Brazilian percussion instruments, dance, and participation opportunities for all. He'll be using the African talking drum (a drum used to communicate over long distances), shakers (hand woven in Africa), and the djembe (a traditional drumming instrument used for celebration and dancing). The schedule: Saturday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m. Details: 525-1716. See EVENTS on page 23

# Rep takes excruciating look at incest

'How I Learned to Drive' by Paula Vogel, directed by Molly D. Smith; Berkeley Repertory Theatre

By Don McConnell

Paula Vogel's *How I Learned to Drive* is a disturbing piece of theater, and a very odd offering any way you look at it. On the surface it presents itself as the sort of propaganda play popular in elementary schools — where a troupe will tell a tale illustrating the dangers of drug abuse or unsafe sex.

In this case, the subject is sexual molestation of a girl between the ages of 11 and 17 by her uncle.

The story is narrated by the girl herself and, horribly enough, enacted by the girl and the uncle.

On almost any level, that sounds like a grim evening, and in some ways it was. But it was also engrossing. It was engrossing in the way a wildlife documentary can be — as the hyenas close in on the lion cub.

Even more engrossing was trying to figure out the playwright's point of view. On reflection, it seems clear that Vogel wants us to understand how complicated the phenomenon of incest is, how much a mixture of coercion and willingness, of love and callousness. That is, in fact, the feeling we come away with; but it means that, during the play's 110 minutes, we've examined the willingness and the love as well as the dark side.

In the play, the girl's (Li'l Bit's) only meaningful human contact is with her Uncle Peck. It's not like you could miss this: all the other family members (Denise Balthrop, Tina Jones and Rod Gnapp) are

played in broad parody, as if they were the dysfunctional family on the Carol Burnett Show. For instance, there is little effort to make the grandparents look their age. We're not meant to believe they're real — or not a real presence in the world of Li'l Bit.

The center of that world is the time spent with Uncle Peck, who is a real smoothie. For acting fans, the high point of *How I Learned to Drive* is the masterly performance of Paul Vincent O'Connor as Uncle Peck. Physically the opposite of a standard romantic lead, O'Connor can exude as much rough charm as Jack Nicholson, and in much the same way.

This guy focuses on Li'l Bit even before she reaches puberty, and his interest is not always her body. When it is, he lures her along the path to sex in a way that's voluntary only technically.

At other times, most memorably in a scene where Peck teaches Li'l Bit to drive, he's the perfect father figure, unwilling to flirt or joke when something serious is being taught.

So when payback times arrives, when Peck's lust pushes him onward even though Li'l Bit is clearly being traumatized, we understand why she can't run. We understand the concept that children can't give informed consent.

On the other hand, Vogel seems to want us to make up our minds about what constitutes abuse. The play's opening scene has Peck touching the breasts of a 17-year-old Li'l Bit. They're not blood relatives, we think to ourselves; and she's over the age of consent. It's not until late in the play that we



Li'l Bit (Cindy Basco) is the prey of unsavory Uncle Peck (Paul Vincent O'Connor) in 'How I learned to Drive.'

have Peck taking pictures of an 11-year-old Li'l Bit to sell to his friends.

*How I Learned to Drive* is made easier to bear by the fact that Li'l Bit is played by a grown woman. Yet that meant we got a whole evening of a woman imitating a teenage girl. Cindy Basco was ex-

cellent in this ungrateful assignment.

Finally, it has to be said that it's uncomfortable spending an evening at a combination morality play/unsavory peep show, no matter how intellectually stimulating or well performed.

## Black Rep's staging of 'Ma Rainey' a must-see

August Wilson's *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* at the Black Repertory Theatre through Feb. 7

By Wanda Sabir

The Black Repertory Theatre has mounted a very successful production of August Wilson's *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*. When I saw it staged here six years ago I wasn't impressed, however, the second time around proves to be a charm. This "Ma Rainey..." is filled with rousing blues numbers, good acting, and intelligent drama—all the elements of a standout show.

It's 1927 in Chicago, and the legendary singer Gertrude Ma Rainey is in town with her quartet to record a few records. Mona Johnson's "Ma Rainey" gives a stand-out performance of the title song while "her girl," Olivia Hardin's "Dussie Mae," swings those hips in the memorable "black bottom" dance number.

Other great songs include Herrill Stiller's "Slow Drag's" rendition of "Hear Me Talkin' To You," and a moving gospel standard, "If I had my way I'd tear this building down," which closes the first act.

"Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," takes us to a time when black migration from the agrarian south to the industrialized north is increasing, although employment is not. In Sturdyvant's recording studio we meet Ma's agent Robert Grochau's "Irvin," other members of the quartet, Mitchell Hollis' "Levee," Ramone Bowden's "Teledo," who is the resident Philosopher, and Don Mayberry's "Cutler," who keeps things running like "Ma" wants them run.

"Ma Rainey," perhaps the first of the "classic blues" singers, invited another Tennessee born singer, a young woman by the name of Bessie Smith, to join her "Rabbit Foot Minstrels," in the early 1900's. "Ma" liked the way the girl hollered, and in Wilson's play she says that she taught "Bessie" everything she knows when the producer tries to sneak a Smith song into Rainey's repertoire.

With the action taking place between the recording studio office, the sound room and band practice area, "Ma Rainey..." juxtaposes the warring worlds temporarily housed behind those walls. Everyone is after something: "Ma," respect for her work;

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'Ma' lays down the law to her manager.

Kamau Amen-Ra



Nancy Carlin and Paul Sulzman in 'Nora.'

## Aurora stages Bergman's 'Nora'

By Carol Egan

Although Ingmar Bergman's work as a filmmaker is better known to American audiences, the great Swedish director has also spent years directing for the stage. In the course of doing so, he has adapted many classics, including Henrik Ibsen's 1879 drama. A Doll's House, which he succinctly retitled *Nora* after its lead character.

The Aurora Theatre premiered its version of the play last week, the third production of its current season. Directed with intelligence and sensitivity by Joy Carlin and with an outstanding cast headed by Nancy Carlin in the leading role and Paul Sulzman as her husband, Torvald Helmer, Aurora once again challenges its audience with material that is at once thoughtful and theatrical.

Bergman's condensed adaptation runs a little over 90 minutes and is performed without intermission (a growing trend in recent productions, we notice). Though one's interest occasionally wanders, whenever Carlin and Sulzman are onstage, they demand our full attention and get it. This incredibly analytical dissection of a marriage questions women's roles, in society and marriage, and presents a radical alternative to the mores of Ibsen's day.

Carlin captures the many facets of Nora with great sensitivity, beginning with the presumably

spoiled, childish and money-hungry young wife to the fiercely courageous woman striving to break free from her marital and maternal bonds in order to discover herself for the first time. Her reactions are immediate and reflected in swiftly changing expressions and postures. Nora's response to Torvald's claim, "Above all else, you are a wife and mother," became a rallying cry for women everywhere, "Above all else I am a human being." The role of Nora is perhaps one of theatre's greatest challenges for an actress, one that Carlin meets head on and conquers with aplomb.

Sulzman's character is slower in self-realization, arriving at an understanding of the situation late in the play. It is appropriate to the stuffy bank manager who refuses to compromise his strict beliefs that it requires a catastrophe before he sees the light. When he does, however, the resounding crack in his sturdy bourgeois character is almost painful to watch.

Remaining characters in the play include the noble Doctor Rank, whose love for Nora goes unrequited and is only made known to her shortly before his death. Performed with a gentleness and suavity by Julian López-Morillas, one empathizes with him while recognizing the passivity which aggravates his situation even more.

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# AET' provides lively time in 'Dancing'

By Phyllis Lyon

The Actors Ensemble kicks up its heels and keeps smilin' through in their current production of *Dancing at Lughnasa*, Irish playwright Brian Friel's tender remembrance of his checkered childhood in the Old Sod. The warm human comedy plays weekends on the Live Oak Park stage through Feb. 21.

The scene is a farm on the outskirts of Ballybeg, a village in County Donegal. The time, 1936. The action, during the three weeks before Lughnasa, the annual harvest celebration honoring the Celtic god or goddess, Iue.

As chorus-narrator, the adult Michael Evans moves amid the scene to observe with the audience and to relate the past, present and future of his family, the five Mundy sisters. Mike Dederian plays the man revisiting his childhood with world-weary

wry regret and boyish sass as the 7-year-old ghost of himself, doted on by his affectionate aunts. He matter-of-factly recalls that summer when a new off-again on-again Marconi radio "transformed these, kind sensible women."

Under the direction of Tim Hart, who honed his skill in directing the Ensemble's equally domestic *Quilters* last season, the actors succeed in defining the five Irish women hoping against hope to somehow find joy into their hardscrabble lives.

As the oldest sister, Katie Cronin, a Meryl Streep lookalike, is Kate Mundy, the family's self-appointed moral conscience, trying to keep them all strictly on the straight and narrow. The family's main source of support, Kate's a stiff-spined school teacher who brings home the bacon and dispenses village gossip around the kitchen table.

Though the sisters beg and plead,

by Kate's edict there'll be no dancing at Lughnasa for them.

Michael's unwed mother, Christina the youngest sister played by Elizabeth Wagman, lives on promises of marriage by the child's father, Gerry Evans. He is a charismatic traveling gramophone salesman played with elan by Matt Leshinski. Or maybe he's an Arthur Murray dance instructor twirling the sisters around to the romantic big band music on the radio. "Would I lie to you?" he asks when he comes to bedazzle the sisters, promise his son a bike and go again.

Kirsten Lunde is Maggie, the homebody sister, who bakes bread, does the chores around the farm, smokes and breaks out into high-kick dance and song when not wistfully recounting loves that might have been.

Rose, who secretly works out with a married man to the family's dismay, is played by Carol Sirney and

Agnes, the quietly stoic sister, by Jennifer van Reimsdyk. To help eke out their sparse income, Rose and Agnes knit gloves for sale in the city.

A dream of family status and even a little fame, especially for Kate, is that their Uncle Jack, a priest who has lived among lepers in Uganda for many years will return to public acclaim and his picture in the paper. Even this hope fades when Jack, played by Paul G. Smith, comes back so taken with Swahili and African tribal ritual that he is almost unable to speak English and is unwilling to perform Catholic mass any more.

Much more than merely a nostalgic trip down memory lane, *Dancing at Lughnasa* bursts with a joy of living that is more bravado than genuine, in this case perhaps peculiarly Irish. Beneath the surface merriment, lie profound observations about human beings searching in vain for love while at the same time coping with



The Irish sisters who create joy where there is none are played by Kirsten Lunde, Carol Sirney, Katie Cronin, Jennifer Van Reimsdyk, and Elizabeth Wagman.

changes that obliterate the familiar old ways. The women's longheld religion is questioned. Technology, the radio and a new knitting factory, thrusts the outside world into their

enclosed lives. The poignant point of that, in the face of these Mundy women were unable on dancing.

## A tale of two dancers

By Carol Egan

Although they arrived at their careers in dance via somewhat different paths, two young women, both alumni of UC Berkeley, have a number of things in common. Christine McQuade and Ellis Wood, both born in New York, moved to the Bay Area at an early age. Both were "university brats," growing up in an academic environment (McQuade's father, Professor Don McQuade, is a member of UCB's English Department and Wood's parents founded the UCB Dance Program).

Each studied gymnastics for many years before becoming involved with dance. And this week, both will be doing what they love most, dancing. Christine McQuade performed as a member of the New York-based Elizabeth Streb dance company last week while Ellis Wood will be presented in a concert of her own solo and group work at Dance Theatre Workshop, one of New York's major venues for promising young choreographers and other artists.

McQuade, who received her degree in history from UCB in 1996, didn't discover dance until her junior year. A friend recommended she take classes in the Dance Program in the Center for Theater Arts there. "I went to the audition on a whim and got hooked from the first day of the Beginning Modern Dance class. I loved taking class and dancing as much as possible, but I never thought I'd get into a dance company."

Her performing career as a dancer at Cal began modestly enough, at first in student choreographed works, then faculty dances (one of her first assignments was as a Truffula Tree in Christopher Dolder's version of "The Lorax"). When she was selected to be a member of the

program's student dance company, BARD (Bay Area Repertory Dance), she decided to stay an extra year in Berkeley in order to gain further performing experience.

At Cal she was also able to work with guest choreographer, Margaret Jenkins. Armed with a degree in History, a few years of dance training and performance experience from Cal and two summers of intensive study at the American Dance Festival in Durham, North Carolina, McQuade journeyed to New York and began her search for a dance style and company which would be right for her.

At Jenkins' suggestion she contacted Elizabeth Streb, a choreographer known for highly athletic works based on techniques of "flying, landing, colliding, diving, hurtling, bouncing, and impact." She was invited to join some classes Streb was teaching in Brooklyn. "Soon after that Streb was having auditions for her company. The auditions lasted almost two and a half weeks and were very supportive." By October, 1996, she was taken into the company as an apprentice. In February of last year she became an official company member.

Since joining the company, McQuade has toured to Vermont, Houston, Scottsdale, Tucson, and the Kennedy Center. Returning to Berkeley to dance for her friends and family will be especially exciting. "It's going to be such an honor to be performing at Zellerbach. I'm also looking forward to seeing Carol (Murota), Chris (Dolder), and Marni (Wood) when I'm there. They were such great mentors to me."

Although her initial plan was to give herself a year to see what would develop, McQuade is quite satisfied with the turn her life has taken. "I've just begun to dig into the work, so I feel I'll have to

take it year by year. I love it for now."

Following a slightly different path, Ellis Wood's dance career recently turned to the choreographic side, much to her delight. Having spent many years as a competitive gymnast, she made the transition to dance at Cal. As the youngest daughter in a family of dancers (parents David and Marni Wood were members of the Martha Graham Dance Company before coming to Berkeley in the late 1960s, and sister Raegan Wood spent several years as a leading dancer in Paul Taylor's company), Wood felt that the changeover might be difficult.

After several years on the Cal Women's Gymnastics Team, Wood switched to dance, becoming a member of BARD soon thereafter. At first she found it hard. "I definitely missed it [gymnastics], I still do. But once you quit, that's it - you're done. For me dancing is so easy - you won't fall off a beam or break your leg. It's just heaven." Wood's trial-by-fire came during a six-week European tour which BARD made in 1989. Performing in every conceivable venue, sometimes several times a day, in Paris, Czechoslovakia, Scotland and England, Wood discovered the joys and tribulations of touring very quickly.

After arriving in New York following graduation from Cal, Wood admits "I pretty much stayed with the uptown group: Paul Taylor, Dan Wagoner, David Parsons." She passed her first audition successfully and ended

up dancing with Wagoner for a year and a half. In 1991 she switched gears and joined Stephen Petronio's very "down-town" company, based on the more contemporary "release" technique and less on the traditional forms of modern dance. Three years later, feeling totally burned out on dancing, she left the company, taking a few months off to get her bearings and figure out where next.

Soon, however, the urge to dance returned. "I just really wanted to be in a studio - not to make a piece, not to get in shape - but just to dance. Somehow I came up with a piece. So I auditioned it for DTW (Dance Theatre Workshop) for its Fresh Tracks series, and they accepted it and were very supportive of me." The piece, entitled "Canary," was choreographed to an old Carpenters song mixed with Liz Phair.

DTW has continued to be extremely supportive of Wood. Since her initial appearance she has done three annual concerts, each one increasingly more focused on her work. This month she returns to DTW in a whole evening of her own work, six



performances presented over several weeks and totally produced by DTW.

Wood also had the honor of being presented in concert at Jacob's Pillow, another renowned summer dance festival, two years ago, and at the Rhinebeck Performing Arts Center in Rhinebeck, New York, last summer. She was recently chosen by DTW as one of only four

artists to have her work showcased at the APAP conference arts presenters from the entire U.S.

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Casey's "Sturdyvant,"  
"Levee" and young "Levee" a  
to start his own band.

Robert Grochau's "Levee" is a  
as he tries to keep his client  
happy while at the same time  
the impatient Sturdyvant  
the white man has finished  
This question of displace-  
leads to an explosive conclu-

Director, Leona Harris has con-  
the sense of urgency and pas-  
that surrounds Wilson's char-  
of the studio, which is reflec-  
of the larger American society  
to the Great Depression. Black  
are no longer entering the  
land up north. Chicago is  
people are hungry, and black  
can't even cash a payroll check  
sister says to Irvin, "I have to have  
Can't do nothing with no

rough out there—especially  
you have talent, will, determina-  
to, but happen to be black. Levee  
his mother raped by a gang of  
men because his father, who  
a slave, saved and has acquired  
and home. "Ma" can't trust  
her agent of six years, who,  
says, only invites her to his  
when he "...wants her to sing  
his guests."

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\$3 to \$12. Shows are Thursday/  
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matinees at 2:30 p.m. Details:  
6522120.

## Nora

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Amy Potozkin as Nora's long-  
time friend, Christine Linde, pre-  
sents a similarly passive character.  
A widow who never loved her hus-  
band and was left with nothing when  
he dies, she turns to her friend to  
help her find employment and a  
new life. Potozkin's calm and se-  
rene expressions and tones bely the  
turmoil that must be going on in-  
side her character.

Charles Shaw Robinson as  
Krogstad, the pathetic and desper-  
ate money-lender, is admirable in  
his ability to simultaneously elicit  
our despire and pity.

Not surprisingly there are cer-  
tain cinematic qualities in this pro-  
duction which distinguishes it from  
those of the original play. Transi-  
tions from one scene to the next are  
like cross-fades (except for one fi-  
nal change of the set which requires  
a black out), specific moments are  
slowed down and zoomed in on, as  
the time Nora lights Dr. Rank's  
cigarette. And the choice, probably  
Bergman's, of having a small bal-  
cony from which the characters can  
look on when not participating in  
the action themselves, lends the play  
a true feeling of taking place in a  
doll's house.

Carlin's finely crafted direction  
is aided and abetted by excellent  
costumes designed by Anna Oliver  
and a simple but suitable set by  
Richard Olmsted. As with all Au-  
rora productions, the incidental mu-  
sic, selected and designed by Mat-  
thew Spiro, is particularly well  
suited to help set the mood of the  
play.

Nora continues through March  
1 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315  
Durant. Performances are Wednes-  
days through Saturdays, 8 p.m., and  
Sundays at 2 p.m.. Tickets range  
from \$18-25 and may be purchased  
by calling 843-4822.

## Events

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day Feb. 7, 11 a.m., South Branch  
(1901 Russell St.); Tuesday, Feb.  
10, 3:30 p.m., West Branch (1125  
University Ave.); Tuesday, Feb.  
10, 7 p.m., North Branch (1170  
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## New York Times Magazine Puzzle

### AT THE STAMP CELEBRATION

BY MERL REAGLE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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invention of the crossword puzzle in 1913. (The stamp goes on sale February 3.) If  
puzzlers were in charge of the celebration, this might be the schedule of events...



#### ACROSS

- 1 Rum-soaked  
cake
- 5 Tall, slender  
hound
- 11 Practical joke
- 15 Bleached
- 19 12th-century poet
- 20 Neckwear  
accessory
- 21 Uzbek sea
- 22 Fashion house  
— Picone
- 23 "At 9 A.M.,  
breakfast will be  
supplied by —"
- 25 Prohibit
- 27 Mastic, for one
- 28 "At 11 A.M.,  
will speak"
- 30 Comics sound
- 31 Unusually smart
- 34 First name in TV  
talk
- 35 Like R. L. Stine  
stories
- 36 "At 1 P.M.,  
will sing..."
- 39 Govt. property  
org.

- 40 River near  
Chantilly
- 41 O'Donnell and  
Perez
- 42 "...a tune from  
one of their —"
- 48 Modern office  
staples
- 49 Jackson and  
Leigh
- 50 Handle a joystick
- 51 In post-career  
mode: Abbr.
- 52 Dance invitation  
response
- 53 Axis Powers,  
once
- 54 Jamaican sect  
member
- 56 "At 3 P.M.,  
President  
Clinton will —"

- 57 First name  
among sopranos
- 62 The less-used  
end
- 63 Nonexistent
- 64 Key of  
Mendelssohn's  
Symphony No. 3
- 66 Kind of alcohol
- 67 "...on the  
subject of —"
- 74 Initiated, legally
- 76 Europe/Asia  
dividers
- 77 Actress Suzanne
- 78 Ambient music  
pioneer
- 79 Mount Vernon,  
e.g.
- 81 Wristbone-  
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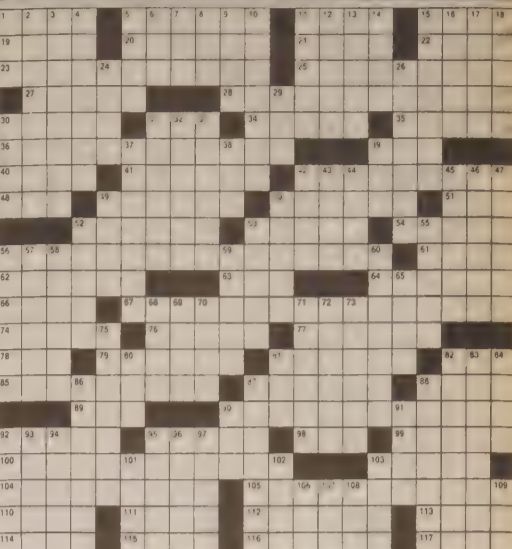
- 82 Abbr. on a  
Mayberry  
envelope
- 85 "At 5 P.M. the  
Philatelic  
Society will  
discuss some  
—"
- 87 Knot-tying place
- 88 Actress Ward
- 89 Hosts
- 90 "And at 7 P.M.  
there'll be a  
showing of the  
60's film —"
- 92 Snail trail
- 95 Slick, so to  
speak
- 98 Some pops: Abbr.
- 99 Wage news
- 100 "...starring —  
—"

- 103 Goes limp
- 104 Call to action
- 105 "...unless —"
- 110 Grouper  
grabbers
- 111 Numerous
- 112 Dario Fo forte
- 113 Infamous Roman
- 114 Cobbler's need
- 115 Places for coats
- 116 Lively  
intelligence
- 117 Jersey  
Standard's other  
name

- 118 Down
- 1 Conk
- 2 Without form
- 3 Without  
foundation
- 4 Gallery event
- 5 British gun

- 6 It can be fresh or  
hot
- 7 Singer Peggy
- 8 Put — fight
- 9 Brick baker
- 10 Dr. Scholl  
products
- 11 I love: Fr.
- 12 Ball partner
- 13 City on the  
Ganges
- 14 Basic Abbr.
- 15 Human-  
powered taxi
- 16 Province of  
Spain
- 17 Tongue-lasher?
- 18 Access
- 24 Ticket
- 26 Slangy tag-team  
member
- 29 TV dog
- 30 Boarding place
- 31 Sorry individual
- 32 Barcelona buck
- 33 Colorful spiral  
seashell

- 37 Mary of Peter,  
Paul and Mary
- 38 My, to Miami
- 39 Lead pumper
- 42 [see other side]
- 43 Collins juice
- 44 Quite a while
- 45 Bearish
- 46 Underground  
systems
- 47 Fire escape route
- 49 Jupiter
- 50 "...the  
heavens were  
opened": Matt.  
3:16



- 52 Glove fabric
- 53 Film changes
- 55 Sheriff Lobo  
portrayer
- 56 Wound with  
sound
- 57 He's a weasel
- 58 Flatten
- 59 Taurus area
- 60 Loss-prevention  
device
- 65 Blackbird
- 68 1984 Peace  
Nobel

- 69 "Dies —"
- 70 Familiar, often
- 71 Writer Singer  
and inventor  
Singer
- 72 Apathy
- 73 Drives forward
- 75 Prepare to land
- 80 Subj. of 60's  
protest
- 81 He helped  
topple Batista
- 82 Slaps a new  
head on

- 83 Dentists' kids,  
probably
- 84 Have the guts
- 86 Prodigious
- 87 Shift
- 88 Like some  
triangles
- 90 Dam agcy.
- 91 Hockey's Lindros
- 92 Hollywood dive?
- 93 Ostracized one
- 94 Ready to spit
- 95 Caterpillar hairs
- 96 Via

- 97 Case workers:  
Abbr.
- 101 Summer  
getaway,  
perhaps
- 102 School orgs.
- 103 Big letters in  
public  
broadcasting
- 106 Race car  
sponsor
- 107 Columbus, for  
one: Abbr.
- 108 Christina's dad
- 109 Prelude to a  
hickey

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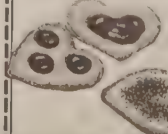
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**PAN-SEARED SCALLOPS WITH BLACK RISOTTO & FLYING FISH ROE** (Serves 4)

### Black Risotto

1/2 ea. small yellow onion, diced  
 3 cloves garlic, chopped fine  
 1 cup arborio rice  
 1/2 cup dry white wine  
 4 cups vegetable stock  
 4 oz squid ink (call Monterey Market for availability)  
 kosher salt & fresh cracked black pepper

**Method:** Dissolve ink in hot vegetable stock. Sauté onion in a little olive oil til translucent. Add garlic and rice and coat in olive oil until warm. Add wine and stir until it is absorbed. Add stock to cover, then bring to boil, reduce to simmer. Look at clock: time the whole procedure to take 12 minutes from here--no more. Add remaining stock in small increments while stirring. When rice is done but still slightly firm, and a gravy-like sauce is surrounding it, swirl in butter off heat. It should be a little soupy at this point. Let it rest for a few minutes while you quickly sauté the scallops.

### For The Scallops

1 lb. fresh Maine sea scallops (8-12 large-or more!)  
 1 tsp. chopped fresh garlic  
 chopped parsley  
 kosher salt & fresh cracked black pepper

1/2 cup blanched julienned leeks  
 approx. 1 cup dry white wine  
 unsalted butter

**Method:** Season the scallops generously with salt & pepper on one side. Sear them in four batches quickly in a hot sauté pan (or all at once in a very large pan,) seasoned side down. Turn them when a crust has formed. Set aside, warm. De-glaze the pan with wine, add garlic, some chopped parsley and the leeks, then reduce wine by half. Swirl in butter to make a little sauce.

**Plating:** Mound the risotto in the center of individual plates. Place the scallops on top of risotto along with the leeks. Garnish with flying fish roe or any red caviar, as well as Meyer lemon zest and chopped parsley.

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# Local ballet favorite enlivens Diablo company

Carol Egan

Whoever claims you can't have it all, previously hasn't met Sally Streets. The energetic grandmother is about to prove another of her choreographic creations performed by the Diablo Ballet. An Artistic Advisor to the up-and-coming company since its inception, she proudly states that, although this work, "Encores," is a re-creation, she has already created two new pieces for the group this year. "Every month I'm working on a new piece," she exclaims contentedly.

When Berkeley resident Lauren Eglevsky, a former student of Streets and now in her Berkeley Ballet company, along with co-founders George Pech and Ashraf Habibullah, asked Streets to come on board the Diablo Ballet at its inception in 1993, Streets gladly agreed. Somewhat later, Streets Eglevsky, daughter of the former New York City Ballet dancer Marina Eglevsky, joined the group as a choreologist. Her task is primarily to create older works, including some of Balanchine's ballets. Since joining the company, Marina Eglevsky has also become a Berkeley resident.

Streets, who was born and raised in Berkeley and is a graduate of the Head School, knew she wanted to dance from earliest childhood. Prepared for a ballet career by her studies at Dorothy Pring in Berkeley, Tatiana Ananova in San Francisco, and then at the Los Angeles, she moved to New York at age eighteen and was almost immediately accepted into a company directed by ballerina

Mia Slavenska.

The following year, 1952, she auditioned for and was accepted into George Balanchine's renowned New York City Ballet where she stayed for three years. Despite the fact that she hadn't been studying at the company's School of American Ballet, she believes that her style was similar enough and, as she admits, "I was always a strong dancer with an ability to jump and turn. I think I looked like a good bet at that moment."

During one of her visits home to her mother, who by 1955 had moved to Kensington, Streets agreed to meet a man her mother had described as "this great guy next door. He has his doctorate and PhD." Streets elaborates, "He phoned and said, 'You know, we better just go out to a movie, because your mother's not going to let go of this.' We went out and then fell in love, and a few weeks later he asked me to marry him."

Streets returned to New York long enough to finish out the company's season, before coming back to California to settle down with husband Alex Nichols, a research scientist and passionate music lover. Despite the fact that she was just twenty-two and commencing a career in dance with one of the world's leading companies and greatest choreographers, Streets felt ready to make the transition to domestic life, a decision made easier by the fact that she was beginning to have knee problems.

A year after their wedding the Nichols' first child, Robbie, was born. Eighteen months later came daughter

Kyra (now one of the New York City Ballet's greatest dancers) and four years later, son Alex. "After Alex was about 18 months old I went back to teaching dance." The basement studio, first in her mother's then her own home, served as the "Sally Nichols School of Ballet" for ten years.

By 1966 Streets had returned to dancing, this time with Pacific Ballet in San Francisco, a company under the direction of Alan Howard. When she gave up her home studio in 1970, she began teaching classes at Pacific Ballet. Daughter Kyra, who had begun studying ballet with her mother at age five, joined Alan Howard's classes when she was eleven and was soon dancing in the company alongside her mother.

When Alan Howard left Pacific Ballet in 1973, Streets returned to the East Bay where she taught and performed for the Oakland Ballet for several years. "I had about fifteen years of really good dancing after I had my children. Although I didn't expect that, it was wonderful because I also had the satisfaction of having a family. When you have a family, that matters so much that all the other things that happen aren't as devastating because you have a balance in your life. You're not just dependent on that one thing for your happiness."

In 1980 Streets took over the Berkeley Ballet, founded by Janet Carroll. For several years, son Robbie, who had pursued a career in dance following his college education, assisted her and also performed and choreographed for her Berkeley Ballet. When the company

performed at Contra Costa College youngest son Alex acted as lighting designer (he was at the time a student of technical theatre at the school).

Kyra, who had joined the NY City Ballet at age fifteen, occasionally appeared as guest with the company. Though Robbie has moved on to pursue other interests, Alex and Kyra have continued in their careers in theatre and dance. The family remains a very close-knit one. As Streets says, "Those that create together, stay together. I would be nothing without my family."

With her creative juices flowing, Streets finds her life completely satisfying. Husband Alex continues to serve as her "musicologist," son Alex occasionally lights one of her ballets, Kyra continues to shine on the NY ballet stage and has presented the Nichols with their first grandchild. Now Streets can proudly look on as her ballets are performed alongside works by George Balanchine. How much better can it get?

The Diablo Ballet performs premieres of works by Nikolai Kabanaiev, the company's Associate Artistic Director, and Sean Kelly, a principal dancer and choreographer with the Houston Ballet, a revival of Streets' 1996 ballet "Encores," and the company premiere of Balanchine's "Tarantella Pas de Deux," first performed by Edward Villella and Patricia McBride in 1964. Performances take place Feb. 6 and 7, 7:30pm, at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts located at 1601 Civic Drive in Walnut Creek. For tickets call 943-SHOW (7469).

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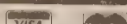
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W/BA AP experience. Must know Word 6.1. Benefits. Fax salary history and resume to 510-522-2661.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
Full-time. Windows experience required. 100% accuracy. Mak, QuickBooks. Fax resume to P.O. Box 2279, Berkeley, CA 94702.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
Local resident. 10-3:30 Monday-Friday. Some understanding of double entry accounting. Good English skills. Negotiable \$45,000/yr. Fax resume to 415-552-2661.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
Donor Relations Support. Knowledge of Excel, Word and Access. Non-profit accounting experience. Part-time. Competitive salary & benefits. Fax resume to: Controller, Jewett & Associates, 401 Grand Ave., Oakland 94610.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
Counter Person for Panini in North Berkeley. Monday/Friday, experienced. 440-0405.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
Apprentice needed. Own tools. 100% accuracy. Mak, QuickBooks. Fax resume to 415-552-2661.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
Full-time. Outgoing. Hard working team player. Flexible. Benefits. Mak, QuickBooks. Fax resume to 415-552-2661.

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Tutor 2 Years Schooling. Training/Teaching. Mak, QuickBooks. Fax resume to 415-552-2661.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
Worker for Berkeley Church. Every 2nd Sat. 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Must have 7:15-8:15 p.m. Occupational. Care primarily for infants. Some times for older children. Must be reliable, loving, experienced with small children. \$8.50 per hour. Call Mary, Monday-Friday 440-0405.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
CLASSIFIED DISPLAY  
CALL 339-8777

**BOOKKEEPER**  
CLASSIFIED DEPT.  
Journal Classified Dept., part-time job, 18 hours per week. Must have communication and people skills. Apply in person 3:30-5 p.m. weekdays. No phone calls.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
COACHING  
Prep High School has an opening: Very Tech Coach for Boys Volleyball Coach. For More Information: Linda Desimone At (510) 652-1533

**BOOKKEEPER**  
College Prep  
ATTENTION LINDA DESIMONE  
610 Broadway  
Oakland, CA 94612

**BOOKKEEPER**  
Alameda, Community Services Programs  
Legal Certificate Course  
Class begins March 7, 1993  
Interview clients and perform legal research.  
1-800-522-7737

**BOOKKEEPER**  
Customer Service  
Home Improvement referral service. Home improvement individual with good verbal skills. Must be able to handle phone in our Alameda office. Must have home phone, computer, ability to write, and Windows literacy. 9-5 hours, 10-2 p.m. Casual office. Fax resume to 415-552-2661.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
Customer Service Representative  
We are in your voice and would like a small, creative, gift & card company in Emeryville, please fax resume to 415-552-2661.

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**BOOKKEEPER**  
DATA ENTRY  
We will pay orders/shipping dates, customers, keypunching, and communication skills. Must be able to analyze problems and take corrective action for dependable, organized, able to work independently. General knowledge, Full-time. Full benefits. Salary \$8/hour. Call Elizabeth at 510-534-2700.

**BOOKKEEPER**  
FUNDRAISERS!  
We are training in the ranks of Stephen's Ministry. We are seeking new members who want to make a contribution to the world we live in. We are offering a 2 weeks to Berkeley BART. Call for more information. 510-540-5782; after 5 510-534-2700.

### Help Wanted

**401**  
GROCERY Supervisor, Full-time, full benefits. Apply at: 10367 San Pablo, El Cerrito

**401**  
Harrison's Marine Center Oakland is looking for an energetic person experienced in selling boating accessories. Qualifying candidates require knowledge of skis, ropes, wakeboards, etc. If you're a water person looking for work for an expanding company, fax resume to 510-535-1787. Call 510-535-6181, Zina.

**401**  
HORTICULTURALIST needed for maintenance on interior plants. Experienced green thumb a must! Full-time, benefits \$52-60/20

**401**  
HOUSECLEANERS, Monday-Friday (days). Need Car, CDL, Insurance. Earn \$8-10/hour plus benefits 254-5141.

**401**  
HOUSECLEANERS needed for East Bay Area. Full-time and Part-time positions. Own transportation. 533-0912

**401**  
INSURANCE  
FARMERS INSURANCE  
Farmers Insurance will be filling agency positions for Contra Costa County effective February 1993. If you are looking for a career change, want a higher income, and would like a secure position with America's Premier Opportunity Company, attend our Career Opportunity Seminar, February 7, 1993 9:30am - 11:00am. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now! CALL 510-671-4874

**401**  
LANDSCAPE Assistant; working knowledge of concrete/masonry, woodwork, irrigation/drainage and planting. Benefits available. East Bay Company. Fax resume: 510-261-4850

**401**  
LEGAL COLLECTION MANAGER  
One of the largest collection law firms in the nation seeks legal supervisor to oversee our department consisting of 15 legal collectors. Must have knowledge of SDCPA, California litigation, collection monitoring and evaluation, excellent communication skills, and a proven record in supervising, motivating people. Excellent salary, bonus opportunity and benefits. Fax resume 510-531-4014, attention Irwin Skafkas

**401**  
MANAGER with creative flair for cooking for new deli/express cafe in Point Richmond. Kitchen and counter positions also available. (510) 235-9059

**401**  
MEDICAL  
Front & Back Office  
Experience required. No chemotherapy office. Excellent benefits. Fax resume: 510-883-1108

**401**  
MEDICAL OFFICE  
San Leandro office needs person with medical background. Full-time good benefits. Fax resume to 510-347-4712, Attention Ann, EOE.

**401**  
MEDICAL SECRETARY  
Part-time. Billing, scheduling, transcription, phones. Flexible. Fax resume: 510-763-0907.

**401**  
MUSIC  
Music lovers to ring beautiful bells in the Corpus Christi Catholic Church Bell Chorus. No experience necessary. Minimal practice time. Call Lee at 339-9418

**401**  
OFFICE ASSISTANT  
Energetic, curious, flexible individual for fast-paced agency that works with colleges and universities in California and Hawaii. Experience in word processing, database entry, and good telephone technique. \$20K, great benefits. Cover letter and resume to WASC, c/o Mills College, P.O. Box 9990, Oakland 94612. Fax 510-632-8361.

**401**  
OFFICE ASSISTANT-FULL-TIME  
Fast-paced Emeryville consulting firm seeks reliable, energetic, office assistant to stock supplies, answer phones, run errands, interview clients and perform legal research. Occasional heavy lifting. Great benefits. Resume and references to: MCGOUGH, P.O. Box 6395, Emeryville, CA 94602 or fax 510-547-8510

**401**  
OFFICE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST  
Strong organizational and people skills. Full-time. Detail oriented. Computer ability welcomed. Full-time \$10/hour. Send resume to Jean Farquhar, CA74 Inc., 2140 Shattuck Ave #2406, Berkeley, 94704

**401**  
OFFICE ASSISTANT  
North Oakland computer software dealership seeking for full-time Office Assistant. Computer skills required, some heavy lifting. Robert 547-8801

**401**  
OFFICE ASSISTANT  
Seeking highly competent and dependable person for general office duties in San Leandro. Excellent verbal, written and math skills and basic PC skills required. Full-time, great benefits, flexible schedule. Salary DOE. Call me: White, 567-9969

**401**  
OFFICE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST  
Harrison's Marine Center seeks full-time, energetic person to answer phones and handle a variety of office duties. Windows, Word, Excel helpful. Ask for Dave, 510-535-6160

**401**  
OFFICE ASSISTANT  
Office Helper, part-time. Filing, cleaning, etc. Member Berkeley dental office. 6-8 hours/week. 843-1441

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**401**  
RECEPTIONIST/Office, phones, type, word-processing, Macintosh training. 9:30-11:30. Laker Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland. 893-9612

**401**  
RECEPTIONIST, front desk wanted for Holistic oriented chiropractic office. 3 1/2 days/week \$8.00/hour. Albany 524-5800

**401**  
RENTAL Agent, Alameda Real Estate Company. Flexible hours. Real Estate License required. Fax resume 510-521-3492

**401**  
RESTAURANT positions. Counter sales, full-time, energetic, friendly. Alameda take away gourmet and catering company. Call 2-6 523-8660 523-8400, fax

**401**  
RETAIL McCAULOU'S MONTCLAIR  
Part-time and full-time positions available. Apply 821 Medea Place, Montclair

**401**  
Retail Sales  
HARPER GREER  
Our fine Boutique for women sizes 14 and up seeks sales associates for full-time/part-time positions for our San Francisco store. You have good fashion sense, sales ability, and enjoy working with the public. Minimum 3 years retail clothing experience. Excellent salary/commission and bonus plan, plus full medical, vision and dental discounts. Easy commute. Call John: 415-543-4066

**401**  
RETAIL sales part-time. Must have a passion for customer service and cigars. John 510-832-5666

**401**  
SALES MANAGER  
Seeking individual experienced in Direct Sales. Job functions include: Sales, Account Management, Prospecting and Qualifying, Customer Service and Hotel Operations. Must be outgoing, computer literate and motivated to advance career. Send resume and salary requirements to: General Manager, 1800 Powell St., Emeryville, CA 94608

**401**  
SECRETARY  
Busy Downtown commercial real estate firm. Full-time start immediately; good benefits. Strong word processing and organizational skills. Must be computer literate. Resume and salary history to: Office Manager, 388-17th Street, #200, Oakland, CA 94612; fax 510-763-7783

**401**  
SWITCHBOARD Operator, Central, full-time, \$10/hour with benefits. Require experienced professional for high volume multiple lines. Trutt & White Lumber, 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley 510-649-2664

**401**  
TEACHER for Montessori preschool, full/part time. Oakland, Close to Rockridge BART. Call: 510-632-7021

**401**  
TEACHERS and aides, before and after school childcare/enrichment program. Arts, crafts, sports, music, drama, field trips and more. Resume to: Adventure Time, P.O. Box 5009, Berkeley, CA 94705

**401**  
TELEMARKETER/Carver to assist sales department for 20 year old janitorial company. Salary plus Monday-Friday, full-time/part-time. Marc 444-6565

**401**  
TELEMARKETING, flexible hours. Your home or our office. Salary plus commission. Call for interview 510-261-2000

**401**  
THE PERFECT JOB?  
This could be the perfect job if you have strong business skills and want to learn more about solving problems, finding solutions, and working with people. Small, kinder, gentler, Emeryville office. Salary plus commission. Call for interview 510-261-2000

**401**  
TRAFFIC COORDINATOR  
North American Van Lines International Division has an immediate opening in its Oakland, California Regional Office. Traffic Coordinator: Responsible for the organization/administration of international shipments, information, inquiries, quotes and follow-up on import/export procedures. Strong decision making, word processing, communication and organizational skills. Must be computer literate. We offer a competitive compensation and benefits package for the right candidate. For immediate consideration, forward or fax resume to: Tracy Smith, Assistant Business Manager, NAI, 800 Swan Way, Oakland, CA 94621, Fax 510-568-6780. An Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/H/V

**401**  
TUTOR-11 year old boy, Monday-Tuesday-Thursday, 11:00 hour, French speaking OK. 445-5052

**401**  
TUTOR: Work Tuesday/Wednesday afternoons in our Glenview home providing intensive early intervention for child with developmental disability. Behavioral therapist helpful but not required. We will train. Jan 482-8590

**401**  
VETERINARY Technician entry-level position. High-volume, state-of-the-art. Busy/Neuter clinic. Full-time plus excellent benefits. Member of surgery team. Some animal experience preferred. Send resume/cover letter to: Oakland SPCA, 8323 Badami Road, Oakland 94602. Attention: Leah, or call 639-7287.

**401**  
WAITER/STAFF  
Restaurant, 203 East 18th Street, Oakland. 445-5052

### Childcare Wanted

**409**  
CHILD CARE, part-time cooking, light housekeeping. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3-7 p.m. for 7 year old twins. Fluent English, own car \$10/hour. Oakland Hills. References required. 836-1520

**409**  
CHILD CARE, responsible person with car needed for after school pickup and delivery of 2 girls. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 2-6:30 Wednesday 1:30-6:30. Excellent salary, we pay gas. 530-5686

**409**  
EXPERIENCED nanny, mom of two children seeking for part-time childcare. CPR, Trustline. 510-357-6588

**409**  
EXCHANGE room/board in beautiful Berkeley home for part-time childcare/light housework/driving. Your days are free. Carolina 548-0015; 548-1863

**409**  
NANNIES NEEDED  
Full-time, part-time \$8-\$12/hour, References. Experienced, car required. No fee \$33-273. Be in Our Care Nanny Agency

**409**  
MORE of a HOUSEKEEPER than a babysitter! 15 and 10 year old boys. Safe insured car, light laundry and housekeeping, food preparation, errands required, nonsmoking, references. Montclair 338-8422

**409**  
Mother's helper 8 month and 2 1/2 year old, 2-3 days/week, flexible schedule, Piedmont. 652-9442

**409**  
BERKELEY NANNY NEEDED  
Family with newborn looking for live-in nanny. Mandarin or French plus 2 beautiful quarters. Great pay! Experience/References. No fee. Other Top East Bay jobs!

**409**  
TOWN & COUNTRY NANNIES & MOTHERS IN DEED (415) 461-7756

**409**  
FULL-TIME nanny for 2 1/2 year old. Experienced, fluent English. Must have CDL car, references 547-6881

**409**  
CAREGIVER to pickup 8 year old twins at Head-Purple, drive them to Piedmont activities. Superior homecare, 100% reliable. \$10 to 7 p.m., CDL, car needed. Non-smoking. \$10/hour. References 415-403-3239

**409**  
CHILD CARE wanted for 8 month infant, 3 to 4 mornings per week 9-1:30 p.m. Experience, professional, English speaking, car required and taxes. Steven: 655-4833

**409**  
CHILD CARE Evenings and Saturdays for play (5 years 5:15pm) plus every other Saturday, all day. Very light housekeeping. About 70 hours/month. Must have experience, references, reliable car/insurance. Non-smoking, drug-free. \$6/hour plus social security, gas reimbursement. 510-330-4055

**409**  
MONTCLAIR, 2 or 3 afternoons/week 2 children, drive from school to lessons, supervise homework, light cleanup. Car required. 339-2646

**409**  
NANNY Wanted, Full-time for part-time 7 year old boy. Eves: 510-339-7617, Days: 510-628-3825

**411**  
Childcare - Licensed  
SPACIOUS indoor/outdoor, nature walks, reading crafts, Ages 0-5, Large Experienced staff. Mother Nature Oakland Hills, License #013411987 531-6137

**411**  
NARNIA Playhouse. Credentialized preschool teacher offers Creative program for Toddlers, Preschoolers, Meigs English/Portuguese, Spanish, Redwood Heights/Oakland. #013411220. 510-531-5546

**411**  
CHILD CARE in Skyline area, 6 months and older, outside activities. Structured Montessori work. #010206765 530-6830

**412**  
Babysitting Offered  
COLLEGE Student with car Monday to Friday, after 2:30 p.m. \$10/hour. References. Kelly: 653-5232

**412**  
NEW born infant care. Alta Bates area. College degree, Native English, insured driver with car. Babysitter certified, 100% reliable. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, 3 days a week, combination of 6 hours per day, minimum. Loving Mother of 3 year old, Jean: 510-841-8210

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ESTATE SALE  
KENSINGTON- 22 Kingston Road. by The Arlington Saturday/Sunday, 9-3 Maple dining table, pine hutch, Ellen Allen bedroom furniture, bookcase, furniture, books, tools, 1981 Dodge Aries, 2 door, K Series, RH Anderson

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COLTON PIANO  
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**709**  
Alameda  
2 BED. APT. RENTALS  
Alameda

**712**  
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Alameda  
\$1850 TWO plus bedrooms, 2 bath, sparkling Townhouse. Totally remodeled, available February 9. Lease. Open 11-1 p.m. Saturday February 7 701 Baywood BFI 834-2300

**714**  
Albany & Kensington  
ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito, Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses Berkeley Connection, 845-7821

**715**  
Berkeley  
\$680 ALBANY comfortable 1 bedroom Solano Avenue. Parking, coin laundry February 15th #27383-B Homefinders 548-6450

**716**  
STUDIO APT. RENTALS  
Berkeley  
\$695 NORTH Berkeley in new Large, quiet, secluded, garden Del Norte Court #21746-B Homefinders 548-6450

**717**  
1 BED. APT. RENTALS  
Berkeley  
\$530 WALK to Fourth Street shops. Hardwood floors, excellent condition, parking, non-smoking. No pets. 635-6067

**717**  
TRIPLEX furnishings negotiable, yard, deck, laundry. Parker/Grand #16275-B Homefinders 548-6450

**717**  
OAKLAND/Berkeley border 1 bedroom in 1920's charmer on Shattuck. Sunny west facing view, large kitchen with dining area, lots of storage and lights, well-maintained. 658-4561

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**718**  
2 BED. APT. RENTALS  
Berkeley

## 725 1 BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

**\$550**  
**CLOSE TO BART**  
Sunny 1 bedroom across from Fruitvale BART. Close to EVERYTHING! Best furnished at no extra cost. 452-2300

**\$575 LARGE** remodeled 1 bedroom, new kitchen/ bath 1948-2001 261-3487

**\$575 TOWNHOUSE** Remodeled kitchen, large closets, carpet, laundry, above 580 2867 MacArthur 665-0300

**\$575 WAYNE AVE.** Sunny studio, breakfast nook, carpets, gas appliances, cat okay 339-9825 ext. 243

**\$600 WATER/** garbage paid. Wall-to-wall carpet, electric kitchen, garage Dimond Park area 530-8506

**\$610 COLLEGE** Alcatraz, great neighborhood, 14 unit building, laundry 652-8861

**\$625 ONE** bedroom

**\* GREAT LAKE AREA \***  
Spacious, updated kitchen, garden, laundry. Near BART, groceries, Carpet, storage 1540 Jackson 832-3364

**\$650 1 BEDROOM** above Lake Merritt, 350 Newton Ave. 834-9471 for recorded open house details

**\$650 BIG** closets, dishwasher, quiet building, parking, laundry, central heating 832-0123

**\$650 DIMOND** District, large duplex, behind commercial property. Parking, drive, great neighbors CPS/Select 339-1642

**\$650 MONTCLAIR** Spacious, Full. Furnished bedroom in private home. Private bath. Sunporch. Parking View 510-339-1019

**\$675 LAUREL** District, Quiet, hillside, between 580/13. Close to Mills, Holy Names. Security access, new interior and appliances, covered parking, balcony, laundry. No Pets. 433-7138. 3781-3773 High Street.

**\$685 PRIME** upper Grand Avenue; In elegantly restored stately building. Cozy, recently remodeled. New kitchen, microwave, hardwood floors, parking. All amenities and transportation to SF. 470 Merceda Blvd. Lease available. Cat okay. For appointment, 832-6412

**\$695**  
**\* PIEDMONT BORDER \***  
360 Monte Vista, SUANAS Patio, new carpeting, elevator, dishwasher, laundry, garage, storage. No pets. Great management 595-6757

**\$695 NEAR** Lake, spacious, newly remodeled, sunny, new appliances/ carpet, laundry, lease, parking available 530-3846

**\$695 SUNNY**, quiet, spacious, secure 1 bedroom upper. Appliances, carpeting, mini-blinds. Long-term, non-smoking. Available March 1. 6-plex. 3234 Maple 534-1341

**\$700-7500 SUNNY**, secure 1 bedroom, Laurel duplex. Appliances, gas stove, carpeting, mini-blinds. Hookup Fenced yard. Garage available. Shops, transportation close. Long-term. Non-smoking. Gardening. 3701 38th Avenue, corner Kansas 510-534-1341

**\$700 ONE** bedroom, best area, pool, laundry Mr. Cruz, 510-652-2148, Mr. Sue, 850-573-5950, pager, 850-719-6114

**\$725 LAKE** Merritt, 1 bedroom, Water/garage included, road, walk to BART 534-5328

**\$775+ 1920'S GRANDEUR**  
Large 1 bedrooms, directly across from Lakeside Park. Hardwood floors, gas cooking, coin laundry 834-9745

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**\$810 MONTCLAIR** Village, 1 bedroom, no pets. Talking applications: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 530-9376

**\$825 LARGE**, sunny 1 bedroom in elegant Spanish building. Hardwood floors, beamed ceiling, view 839-9939

**\$825 QUIET SECURE BUILDING**  
Marble entry, Granite kitchen counter tops. New appliances, wall-to-wall carpets and window blinds. Apartment has just been completely redecorated. 3 walk-in closets. Most utilities included in rent. Laundry on premises, inside garage. Available for view, bay windows and dining area. 883-1826

**\$829 RENT** or lease to own Adams Point Condo. Modern, clean, sunny large 1 bedroom, secure building and garage. Laundry, water/garbage paid. Available February 29. 510-942-3670; 510-922-0616

**\$850 SPACIOUS 1 BEDROOM CONDO**  
Live in comfort, safety in quiet, secure condominium building in Adams Point. Fireplace, deck, drapes, dishwasher, parking, laundry. 548-4158; 547-0665

**\$850 CHARMING** 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace; \$650 large studio, quiet, secure, dead-end street. 652-6137

**\$850 PENTHOUSE** sunny 1 bedroom, AEK, fireplace, deck, parking, coin laundry, cats ok. 465-9064

**\$875 LARGE**, sunny apartment in desirable Glenview area. Hardwood floors. Private entrance in sixplex. Enclosed garage. Laundry. No pets. Available February 20. 843-7642

**\$900 PIEDMONT** Area, 1 bedroom, top floor condo, sunset views. Security building/parking. Appliances. 415-435-0947

**\$925 LAKE** Merritt. Beautiful building, hardwoods, all utilities. Sunny and bright. No pets 510-634-0672

**\$975 MONTCLAIR** 1 bedroom in-law. Bridges and San Francisco views, fireplace, laundry, deck. No pets. Utilities included. 531-1388

**\$1000 SPACIOUS**, 1 bedroom, block above Grand near Piedmont. Hardwoods, garbage disposal, dishwasher, laundry. 284-7784

**\$1150 PARKWOOD** Condo, Deluxe 1 bedroom, all amenities, enclosed parking, no pets, non-smoking. \$3300.00 deposit. Year lease. 415-611-5317 after 7pm

**\$975 PIEDMONT** Avenue. Large, clean, lower duplex, hardwood floors, laundry, yard, garage. Bar 528-0107

**726 2 BED. APT. RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

**\$600 PROGRAMMERS** HEAVEN. Furnished live/work space with ISDN line, higher speed negotiable. Near Emeryville. 7 unit building. Avail. short-term. If desired, incredibly well-mannered pets ok. Page Arthur Pritchard 810-8629

**\$675 VERY** low fiveplex. Laundry, parking, near 35th Ave. Call after 7 p.m. 531-4509

**\$725 SPACIOUS**, Adams Point. Coin laundry, carpets. No pets. 291 Fairmount/ cross street. Garland 596-8884

**\$725 VERY** fine, ground floor, new carpets, convenient location, good neighborhood. 4812 Tompkins Ave. 482-4590

**\$825 LAUREL** District, quiet, hillside, between 580/13. Panoramic views. Close to Mills, Holy Names. Security access, new interior, appliances, covered parking, laundry. No Pets. 433-7138. 3781-3773 High Street.

**\$835 TWO** bedroom plus den. Top floor of 4-plex in wooded area near Redwood Day School. Express bus to BART. Deck, gas range, dishwasher, carpet, leucous, laundry room, parking. 1801-C Sausal Street 286-7907

**\$845 TWO** bedroom plus den. Top floor of four-plex in wooded area near Redwood Day School. Express bus to BART. Deck, gas range, dishwasher, carpet, leucous, laundry room, parking. 1801-C Sausal Street 286-7907

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## 726 2 BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

**\$650 LARGE** 2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath Condo. New Paint and Carpets. Dishwasher, Washer, Dryer. Fireplace. Garage. 2917 MacArthur Blvd. 534-4807

**\$875 TWO** bedroom, 1 bath. Carpet, fireplace, private patio, parking. 1 block from Lake 465-0582

**\$895 CONDOMINIUM** near Piedmont. Cozy, architecturally exciting, elevator, dishwasher, balcony. 473 Jean (Santa Clara) 272-9512

**\$900 EXQUISITE** 2 bedroom with deck in meticulously maintained elite building. Laurel District, top floor, nice view, very quiet, carpet, laundry, lease. Cat okay 531-0567

**\$900 SPACIOUS** 2 bedroom upper flat in older 2 unit building near 19th and 8th, with formal dining room, hardwood floors, laundry and garage. 415-868-1887

**\$915 TWO** bedroom in Glenview, fireplace, laundry, yard, view, great neighborhood, great for commuter 568-7080

**\$925 ROCKRIDGE**, large 2 bedroom with dining area. Large living room and bay view. Quiet location, attractive, well-maintained property. Includes parking 923-1189

**\$960 LARGE**, clean, quiet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment near Piedmont. 601-8614; 376-0363

**\$950 ADAMS** Point 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, coin laundry, parking. Quiet neighborhood, clean building. Close to everything 187 Montclair/Lenox 763-3241

**\$1095 LAKE** area penthouse, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large rooms, parking/ storage space included. Dan 251-8010

**\$1100 OLD** World charm, spacious, hardwood floors, sunny, carpet. No pets. 817 MacArthur/ Alton 839-3100

**\$1200 300 PARKVIEW** Terrace, 2 bath, dining area, fireplace, AEK, washer/dryer, security building. 530-1005

**\$1200 TWO** bedroom, 2 bath condo, gas fireplace, large master suite. Partial lake/downtown view. 525 Mandana West Management 893-9378

**\$1350 HUGE** 2 bedroom, 2 bath Condo with downtown view. Excellent condition. 20th 13 master bedroom. Drive by 811 WMC 993-9360

**\$795 CREEKSIDE** Setting: renovated two bedroom, new paint and newly refinished hardwood floors, individual garage, laundry, facing Glen Echo Creek, walking distance to Piedmont Avenue 3084 Richmond Blvd. 464-4621

**\$800 Mill**, upper 2 bedroom, in quiet fourplex, shared deck in garden setting, garage. 636-9329

**728 San Leandro & South**

**\$995 DOWNTOWN** San Leandro very quiet, small building. 3 bedroom, 2 baths, laundry, parking 483-1748

**COTTAGES FOR RENT**

**737 Berkeley**

**\$1150 TWO** bedroom cottage, near UC. Private, garden, hardwoods, parking. 68th Street. 23277-B. Homefinders 549-6450

**741 Oakland & Piedmont**

**\$750 SMALL** 2 story 1 bedroom cottage. Private sunny yard, deck. Great bay view 530-6443

**\$950 UPPER** Grand, 1 bedroom cozy cottage. Gardens deck, daylight. Laundry, pet negotiable. 339-9825 ext. 242

**\$1050 COZY** Cottage, 1+ bedroom, dining room, fireplace, hardwoods, bayview, deck, patio, attic. alarm 531-8462

**\$1150 TWO** bedroom, 1 bath newly renovated cottage. No parking, no refrigerator, 2 stories, 1200 sq. ft. 478-44th Street. Agent 465-5313

**HOMES FOR RENT**

**745 Alameda**

**750 Albany & Kensington**

**ALBANY**, Kensington, El Centro; two, three, four bedroom cottages, flats, and houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821

**\$2350 Extraordinary** 4 bedroom, 3 bath Kensington Town Estate. Dining room, fireplace, finished basement, panoramic view, landscaped yard. 236-8612

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**\$2400 CHARMING** hills home. Bay view, two baths, fireplace, yard, garage. Spruce #71821-B. Homefinders 549-6450

**\$2600 NORTH** side, beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large yard, pets negotiable. Fee. Agent. 883-7005

**\$2800 THREE** bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwoods, bay view, near Step One and Tilden Park. 525-2188

**758 Lamorinda & East**

**\$1400**  
**BETHEL ISLAND**

3 bedroom, 3 bath on water. Stair, refrigerator, washer/dryer, garage, large yard. 531-9638

**\$2500 ORINDA**, Lake Cascade, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Very unique home. Fireplace, washer/dryer, garage. 510-254-1837

**SHARE** sunny, quiet apartment with friendly, honest, responsible women. \$350/month plus utilities. China Hill Oakland. Available 3/1/98. 863-3116

**TWO** bedroom condo with swimming pool, views, prefer female. \$500/month. 1st & last. 665-9911

**759 Oakland & Piedmont**

**760 1 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

**\$1350 ONE** bedroom, 1 bath, Montclair Hills. Spectacular view. New kitchen, laundry, garden. 661-0931

**761 2 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

**\$1325 ROCKRIDGE** Area, 2 bedroom house, living room, dining room, hardwood floors, enclosed garage 531-5669

## 760 1 BED. HOME RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

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**761 2 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

**\$1325 ROCKRIDGE** Area, 2 bedroom house, living room, dining room, hardwood floors, enclosed garage 531-5669

**\$1500 ROCKRIDGE**, Quiet, 2 bedrooms, hardwood floors, fireplace, walk to BART. Available now 653-7088

**\$1500 ROCKRIDGE** 2+ bedroom Charming, remodeled fireplace, laundry, cat negotiable. Tel #18399-B Homefinders 549-6450

**\$1600**  
**TRESTLE GLEN ROAD**

Two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, AEK, washer/dryer, patio. March 1st. Open Saturday 12-3 863-2280

**\$1850 PIEDMONT**, hardwoods, dishwasher, laundry, parking. Pet okay Magnolia #21671-B Homefinders 549-6450

**\$1900 UPPER** Rockridge, 2+ bedrooms, charming craftsman. Hardwoods, fireplace, deck, views, yard, garage, workroom 253-0581

**762 3 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

**\$1300 OAKLAND** Hills home. Above Knowland Park. Overlooks Canyon. No yard. Pet okay. Available for rent or lease 568-2100

**\$1725 OAKLAND** Hills, 3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, jumpus room, beautiful bay view. Available mid-March 650-987-8380

**\$1850 MONTCLAIR** Skyline, SF Bay view, 2 bath, dining room, den, decks, hardwoods, laundry 531-8538

**\$1875 MONTCLAIR**, near Village. Carefully remodeled, new kitchen, hardwood floors, atrium dining. Gardner CPS/Select 339-1642

**\$2200 ROCKRIDGE** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwood floors, wood built-in, yard, garage, laundry 644-5411

**\$2250 UPPER** Rockridge, 2 1/2 bath, dining and family room, garage, yard. Non-smoking 462-0860

**\$2290 PIEDMONT** 3+ Bedrooms, fireplace, modern kitchen, garage, 2 baths, deck, views 24 Maraga 462-9811

**\$2450 - 3000** SQUARE foot house 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, detached 2+ car garage, 2 fireplaces, laundry. On acreage. 601-0639

**763 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

**\$1800 FOUR** bedroom, 2 bath. Spacious, remodeled kitchen, fireplace, formal dining room. 553 Glenview/ off Wendland and Rind. Call Michele 256-3721

**\$1900 REDWOOD** Heights; Family NEIGHBORHOOD, easy access to Highway 580 and 13. Wheelchair accessible. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, living and dining room, fireplace, eat-in kitchen, laundry, hardwood floors, deck, big back yard. Pets negotiable 530-8556

**\$1950 CRESTMONT**; 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, view, pool, 6 month lease. Helen Kinsley, Broker 339-8900

**\$2495 RIDGEMONT**, sweeping 5 bridge view, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, large deck, yard, spa 736-2688

**SHARE RENTALS**

**772 Albany & Kensington**

**\$525 AND \$550** Share beautiful, quiet home. Fireplace, laundry, garden, hot tub, utilities. Near Soano. Women preferred. No pets. 524-7226

**773 Berkeley**

**\$490 YOUNG** professional seeks roommate, large Hiller Highland house private bedroom, shared utilities. TM 665-9064

**777 Oakland & Piedmont**

**\$395 MONTCLAIR** Share utilities. Views, near Village, Maytag, cable. No house. Non-smoking. March 1st. 339-2396

**\$400 AVAILABLE** now. House: private entrance, private bed. Private living room. Yard/Garden. Share with woman/cat. Quiet neighborhood. \$400 deposit. 1/1 utilities. 510-632-8818

**\$500 CROCKER** Highlands home for share. Newly renovated, non-smoking female preferred. Utilities, cable included 893-0882

**\$500 ROOM** with great view, in 5 bedroom home on top of Heddon Hill, over looking Lake Merritt. Male preferred. References required. 510-208-5654

**\$525 ROCKRIDGE**, large home with 2. Washer/dryer. No pets. non-smoking. Reduced rent, babysitting 654-5019

**\$550 PALACE** in prime! Share spacious sunny Montclair home, spa, fireplace, decks, amenities 531-5196

**\$585-785** Choice of large, sunny room or private suite in spacious, elegant Oakmore home. Hardwood floors, fireplace, professional kitchen, secure with easy parking. 482-2860

**\$585 PLUS** Utilities. One bedroom in sunny Victorian in Dimond district. Share with woman (architect/artist), cat. Garden, storage house furnished. Room unfurnished. March 1st. 530-8576

**\$700 GLENVIEW**, 3 bedroom house 2 rooms, clean responsible person, hardwoods, laundry, great space 531-7654

**\$700 ROCKRIDGE**, 1+ bedroom in charming house. Lots of amenities. Share with professional woman and cat. Non-smoking female only 654-5751

**\$800 ROOMMATE/** Share beautiful Glenview home with female professional 3 bedroom, gourmet kitchen, formal dining room, skylights, deck, yard, laundry. Guesthouse - could use as studio office 482-4734

**\$550 PLUS** Utilities. Room in sunny Victorian in Dimond district. Share with woman (architect/artist), cat. Garden, storage house furnished. Room unfurnished. March 1st. 530-8576

**\$850 MONTCLAIR**, 2 bedroom house to share, master bedroom available hardwood floors, fireplace, view, 339-2717

**ROCKRIDGE**



Public Notices

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7811  
The Name of the Business:  
Lax Syntax Design, 19 Los Amigos, Orinda, CA 94563-1605.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Lance J. Jackson, 19 Los Amigos, Orinda, CA 94563.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 23, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 23, 1997.  
The Journal January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7786  
The Name of the Business:  
Fingerprint Realtime-Capturing, 3252 Maricopa Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Rhonda Servin, 3252 Maricopa Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 22, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 22, 1997.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7847  
The Name of the Business:  
Integrity Consulting Group, 631 Thornhill Rd., Danville, CA 94526.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
John R. Potts, 631 Thornhill Rd., Danville, CA 94526; Mercedes E. Martin, 248 Verona Circle, Vacaville, CA 95567; Justin A. Gerson, 7772 Washington Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472.  
This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Partnership - other than a Partnership.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 24, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 24, 1997.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7790  
The Name of the Business:  
Custom Nails, 207 Rainbow Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Leland J. Meier II, 207 Rainbow Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 22, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 22, 1997.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7919  
The Name of the Business:  
Robert and Patricia Fine Wines, 342 Avalon Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Robert A. Fine, 342 Avalon Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565; Robert L. Wilson, Jr., 342 Avalon Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
This business is conducted by individuals - husband and wife.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 30, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1997.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0047  
The Name of the Business(es):  
1) Innovation Station 2) Grand Times Publishing, 403 Village Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530-3355.  
Are registered by the following owners:  
Reese R. Halpern, 403 Village Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530; Kira A. Halpern, 403 Village Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
This business is conducted by individuals - husband and wife.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 5, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1998.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7935  
The Name of the Business:  
Majestic Finance, 3637 Village Rd., Concord, CA 94519.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Joel Stephen Burrow, 3637 Village Rd., Concord, CA 94519.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 31, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 31, 1997.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0067  
The Name of the Business:  
Westwind Management Consulting, 1519 Valley Rd., Kensington, CA 94707.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Linda J. Lepow, 1519 Valley Rd., Kensington, CA 94707.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 6, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 6, 1998.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7905  
The Name of the Business:  
Wholesale Cars to You, 8329-A Bethel Island Rd., PO Box 1944, Bethel Island, CA 94511.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Katherine Patricia Lombardo, 3533 Willow Rd., PO Box 1944, Bethel Island, CA 94511.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 30, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1997.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7862  
The Name of the Business:  
Beet Karaoke & D., 13352 San Pablo Ave., Suite 15, San Pablo, CA 94606.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Charles A. Martindale, 13352 San Pablo Ave., Suite 15, San Pablo, CA 94606.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 26, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 26, 1997.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0122  
The Name of the Business:  
Farengan & Venetian Co., 10280 San Pablo Ave., Suite 201, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Lou Chung-Yu, 1317 Contra Costa Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94519; Wang, Wei-E, 6612 Schmidt Ln. Apt. #7, El Cerrito, CA 94519.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 7, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 7, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7930  
The Name of the Business:  
San Pablo Realty 2) San Pablo Secretarial Service 3) San Pablo Real Estate 4) Enterprise Salvage, 13750 San Pablo Ave., Suite A, San Pablo, CA 94606.  
Are registered by the following owner:  
Robert Nelson, 13750 San Pablo Ave., Suite A, San Pablo, CA 94606.  
This business is conducted by an individual.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0158  
The Name of the Business:  
Rafferty Occupational Therapy, 1725 Springbrook Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Micha Rafferty, 1725 Springbrook Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 13, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7939  
The Name of the Business:  
Silver Star, 1251 Naville St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Cheng-Sue Wang, 1251 Naville St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 31, 1997.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7830  
The Name of the Business:  
Marketing Distribution Systems, 2217 Newton Drive, Brentwood, CA 94515.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
David C. Beardsley, 2217 Newton Drive, Brentwood, CA 94515; Kevin Morris, 2220 Carlos Bee Blvd. #99, Hayward, CA 94542.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 24, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 24, 1997.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0089  
The Name of the Business:  
C.G. Graphics, 3724 Catamaran Ct., Byron, CA 94515.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Craig Leonard Gionchetti, Jr., 3724 Catamaran Ct., Byron, CA 94515.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 6, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 6, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0064  
The Name of the Business:  
Muttplex, Pacific Shopping Mall, 3268 Pierce St. #123, Richmond, CA 94804.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Ruben G. San Pedro, 132 Valley Oak Lane, Vallejo, CA 94591; Amanda San Pedro, 132 Valley Oak Lane, Vallejo, CA 94591; Celia B. Bensen, 2599 Shamrock Drive, San Pablo, CA 94606.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 5, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0016  
The Name of the Business:  
Rapid Repro, 2717 Lowell Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Charles Severino, 2717 Lowell Ave., Richmond, CA 94804; Emilio Ramon Gonzalez, 600 Wilbur Ave., Antioch, CA 94509.  
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 2, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 2, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0147  
The Name of the Business:  
Liberty Blind and Window Treatments, 2833 Fortuna Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Emilio Ramon Gonzalez, 600 Wilbur Ave., Antioch, CA 94509.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 8, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 8, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 98-0064-02  
The following person has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of Liberty Blind and Window Treatments at 2731 San Gregorio Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.  
The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on November 15, 1996 in the County of Contra Costa under File Number 000706-08.  
The full name and residence of the person withdrawing as a partner: Paul Hauer, 2751 San Gregorio Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.  
Signed: Paul Hauer.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0279  
The Name of the Business(es):  
1) Century 21, Golden Hill 2) Golden Hill, Century 21, 250 Appian Way, Pinole, CA 94564.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Golden Hill LLC, 2552 Appian Way, Pinole, CA 94564.  
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 14, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 14, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0184  
The Name of the Business:  
Smartwell, 1935 Carolla Drive, Suite 3, Concord, CA 94519.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Wei Lin, 1935 Carolla Drive, Suite 3, Concord, CA 94519.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 9, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 9, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7908  
The Name of the Business:  
Vio's, 2027 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Vincent Steven Riggio, 1061 Leo Way, Oakland, CA 94611.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 30, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1997.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0231  
The Name of the Business(es):  
1) Software Library 2) Computer Software & Hardware 3) The Bull 4) Computer Guy 5) Orinda Computer, 43 Moraga Way #201, Orinda, CA 94553.  
Are registered by the following owner:  
Orinda Computer, 43 Moraga Way #201, Orinda, CA 94553.  
This business is conducted by an individual.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0057  
The Name of the Business:  
Infinity Academy, 2116 Whippoorwill Court, Pinole, CA 94564.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Zola Rivera, 2116 Whippoorwill Court, Pinole, CA 94564; Patrick Singhphak, 2025 Coolgreen Lane, Encinitas, CA 92024.  
This business is conducted by Co-Partners.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 21, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-00249  
The Name of the Business:  
Partnership Solutions, 118 Hawk Ct., Hercules, CA 94547.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Cavin Owens, 118 Hawk Ct., Hercules, CA 94547; Stephanie Owens, 118 Hawk Ct., Hercules, CA 94547.  
This business is conducted by individuals - husband and wife.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 15, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 15, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-00249  
The Name of the Business:  
Perfect Earth, 165 Springside Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Gary Oliphant, 165 Springside Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596; Shariene Sabot, 165 Springside Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 13, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0216  
The Name of the Business:  
Kreiss Rebar Installation and Supply, 108 Alice Lane, El Sobrante, CA 94803.  
Is registered to the following owner: Donald Kreiss, 108 Alice Lane, El Sobrante, CA 94803.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 12, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 12, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0267  
The Name of the Business:  
Heintzberg, 4102 Garden Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803-2229; PO Box 20875, El Sobrante, CA 94803-2229.  
Is registered to the following owners:  
Laura Marie Kner, 4102 Garden Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803-2229; Suzanne Marie Raines, 4102 Garden Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803-2229.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 14, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 14, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0012  
The Name of the Business:  
Selling House Accounting Services, 302 Sierra Rd., Suite #4, Concord, CA 94518.  
Is registered to the following owner:  
Susan E. Kyle, 302 Sierra Rd., #4, Concord, CA 94518.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 2, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 2, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7911  
The Name of the Business:  
R K Fire Protection, 108 Agate Way, Hercules, CA 94547.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Richard J. Komoroff, 108 Agate Way, Hercules, CA 94547.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1997.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0005  
The Name of the Business:  
Anything Else, 535 Canyon Woods Circle, #135, San Ramon, CA 94583.  
Is registered to the following owners:  
Sally Kizler, 535 Canyon Woods Circle #135, San Ramon, CA 94583; Robert Kizler, 535 Canyon Woods Circle #135, San Ramon, CA 94583.  
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.  
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Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 9, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0251  
The Name of the Business:  
Teen Technology, 4521 Fieldcrest Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Nir Teitel, 4521 Fieldcrest Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 13, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0449  
The Name of the Business:  
California Auto, 2501 Pine Knoll Drive, Unit 7, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Peter G. Salsbury, 2501 Pine Knoll Dr., Unit 7, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7902  
The Name of the Business:  
Excell Maintenance, 3550 Beechwood Dr., Concord, CA 94519.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
George R. MacLennan, 3550 Beechwood Dr., Concord, CA 94519.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 30, 1997.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0044  
The Name of the Business:  
American Business Services, 1471 Oakmont Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Zola Rivera, 205 West Buchanan Rd. #214, Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 5, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-351  
The Name of the Business:  
VOG Boutique, 3288 Pierce St., Ste #C103, Richmond, CA 94804.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Tam Truong Nguyen, 8610 Claremont Ave., Richmond, CA 94805; Zola Rivera, 8610 Claremont Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.  
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.  
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 20, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 20, 1998.  
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0292  
The Name of the Business:  
G O Electric, 3000 San Luis St., Richmond, CA 94804.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Gregory Osterhoff, 3000 San Luis St., Richmond, CA 94804.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 15, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 15, 1998.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-191  
The Name of the Business:  
Lovin' Spoonful Catering, 3730 Joan Ave., Concord, CA 94521.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Cynthia M. Holcombe, 3730 Joan Ave., Concord, CA 94521.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 9, 1998.  
The Journal February 5, 12, 19, 26, 1998.

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 97-7357  
The following person has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name Lovin' Spoonful Catering, 3730 Joan Ave., Concord, CA 94521.  
The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on November 26, 1997 in the County of Contra Costa under File Number 97-7357.  
The full name and residence of the person withdrawing as a partner: Deborah A. Leder, 2371 Sweetwater Dr., Martinez, CA 94553.  
Signed: Deborah A. Leder.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0120  
The Name of the Business:  
Tempture USA, 5 Buena Vista, Orinda, CA 94563.  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Rebecca Gunderson, 5 Buena Vista, Orinda, CA 94563.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 7, 1998.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 7, 1998.  
The Journal February 5, 12, 19, 26, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7911  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 98-0177  
The Name of the Business:  
Resource 1, 5831 Alpine Rd., San Pablo, CA 94603.  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Rene Technologies, 5831 Alpine Rd., San Pablo, CA 946



# Utilities: not so simple anymore

For years utilities have long been considered a core investment for a conservative portfolio. However, deregulation is changing the landscape of the electric utility industry, bringing about increased competition for prices and geographic boundaries at the business and consumer levels.

With these changes and increased competition, you may need to carefully evaluate your investments in this industry.

Historically the electric utility industry has consisted of vertically integrated local monopolies.

However, the power-generation segment of the business is opening up to competition, increasing risks but also expanding opportunities.

## Choose wisely

As a result of these changes, you may need to be more selective when choosing utility stocks. First and foremost, you need to determine what your goals are for investing in utilities.

Deregulation could bring some short-term changes to what was once considered conservatively based reasons to invest in utilities — steady dividend growth and increased earnings potential.

However, the days of security may be no more for the electric utility industry.

Potential changes in the landscape include decreased earnings growth, dividend changes and

"stranded costs."

## Decreased earnings growth

There are several factors that influence a utility company's earnings growth, including the cost of doing business, regulators, its senior management team and the company's balance sheet strength.

Because deregulation will bring competition to a monopoly business, some companies may experience earnings declines.

## Dividend changes

For years, utilities were appealing to investors because their dividends typically increased every year.

However, slowed earnings growth and the potential for declining profit margins resulting from competition is prompting some companies either to forego increasing their dividends or, in some extreme cases, to reduce current dividend pay outs.

## Stranded costs

As the power-generation segment of the utility business opens itself to competition, consumer prices for power generation will be set by market forces, not regulators, as it has been in the past.

These new prices for electricity might be too low for some electric utilities completely to recover their fixed and variable costs of producing the power not to mention to earn a profit.

These above-market generating and purchased power costs are

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called stranded costs.

To the degree that such costs are not allowed to be recovered through consumer rates, some companies may face downward pressure on earnings.

The changes in the power industry should cause you to take a serious look at the appropriateness of investing in utility stocks. The age-old reasons — stability, increased earnings and dividend growth potential — are no longer industry-wide traits.

However, there are select utilities with strong competitive positions, good earnings and growth potential that can be considered attractive investment opportunities.

Conservative investors should choose carefully when buying utility stocks and/or consider other conservative investments.

While it is currently time to be selective in the utility industry, your investment professional can help you determine whether or not you need to pull the plug on your current utility investments.

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# Real estate's unsung heroes

By H.W. Moss

It seems fitting to pay occasional tribute to a group of people who are owed a great deal of gratitude by everyone in the real estate industry but rarely, if ever, receive it: escrow officers.

Escrow officers are independent third parties who hold a deed in one hand and money in the other until all elements in a transaction are complete. They make sure all taxes are paid, contract contingencies are removed and title is unclouded in order to make ownership transfers smooth and legal.

## Behind the scene operators

But the general public rarely sees these people and knows precious little about what goes on at an escrow company. That's because escrow officers operate behind-the-scenes and have little or no contact with the principles in a deal until they all sit down together at one side or the other of the closing table and signatures are notarized.

It may come as a surprise to learn that, unlike most other professions in the real estate industry, there is no license required to become an escrow officer. And the job description changes depending on which part of the state you are doing business.

Here in Northern California, title and escrow companies are usually combined. In Southern California, the rule of thumb is that escrow companies and their officers are not affiliated with a title company.

## North vs. South

There is no line of demarcation

on some beach midway down the coast, but there is a distinct "Southern California style" and "Northern California style" of opening and closing an escrow. Each of California's counties have their own procedures.

The primary difference is that escrow companies are independent from title companies in the Southern California style. As a result, the combined title and escrow fees tend to be higher in the south than in the north. Also, according to one escrow officer, lenders refuse to fund through an escrow only company. They will send their money to a title company.

All escrow officers throughout the state, however, are in a peculiar position. Although they stand between the two sides in a transaction, they can make no decisions on their own. They may only follow the customer's instructions which are usually provided to them by real estate brokers, sometimes attorneys or loan brokers, and the two sets of instructions may be in serious conflict with one another.

## Above and beyond

As a result, there is an unfortunate trend toward relying too much on an escrow officer to solve prob-

lems. They are being asked to out conflicts and find solutions which are not part of their description. And sometimes they are in an untenable position, especially when it occurs at a moment.

"Customers, especially in finances, have been surprised at what things occur, some costs," said Ann Corkery, escrow officer with Fidelity Title in San Francisco. She claims to be the fourth largest company in the country and on the New York stock exchange.

"Obviously, the borrower's representative has not made it missing in the conversation, charges and they don't find it until they come in to sign papers," Corkery said.

She believes many customers quoted an interest rate and but fail to see or be informed long list of charges including preparation fees, closing fees, Federal Express and administrative charges which in addition to title insurance, crow costs.

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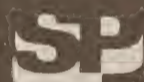
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MARK A. WILSON

Part two of a two-part series

As President Clinton aptly ob-  
 served in his address to the U.S.  
 Conference of Mayors last month,  
 "The urban revitalization (of  
 America's cities) is one of the most  
 remarkable success stories of the  
 past several years". For this phe-  
 nomenon, as with many other long-  
 range cultural trends have im-  
 proved the quality of life in Ameri-  
 can cities, the inspiration can be  
 found in the creative solutions first  
 applied by our "cultural elders" in  
 Europe.

It may seem surprising to many  
 Americans that a generation ago  
 there were already several neigh-  
 borhoods in Paris that were experi-  
 encing the now familiar process of  
 "urban decay". One such neighbor-  
 hood was the Marais District, on  
 the Right Bank just north and east  
 of Notre Dame Cathedral. This is  
 one of the most historic areas of  
 Paris, full of Gothic churches, Late  
 Medieval stone houses, and Renais-  
 sance fountains and public squares.

But by the early 1970s, the Marais  
 District had deteriorated to the point  
 where many houses were abandoned  
 as unsafe for human habitation,  
 numerous shops and restaurants had  
 closed their doors due to lack of  
 business, and the poverty and crime  
 rates were climbing.

Into this dismal situation a group  
 of national and civic leaders de-

cided to inject a plan they hoped  
 would spur a revitalization of the  
 entire district. American city plan-  
 ners at that time were still wed to  
 the bureaucratic concept of "urban  
 renewal", meaning mass demoli-  
 tion of entire historic neighborhoods  
 and the warehousing of residents in  
 huge public housing projects that  
 then became instant "high-rise ghettos".

The city planners of Paris, to-  
 gether with the national govern-  
 ment of France, decided instead to  
 implement the innovative solution  
 of building a brand new cultural  
 institution as a centerpiece and catal-  
 yst for the revitalization of the old  
 Marais District. An international  
 competition was held to design a  
 mammoth new building that would  
 house the Centre National d'Art et  
 Culture Georges Pompidou, (the  
 Georges Pompidou Center for Art  
 and Culture).

The winners of this design com-  
 petition were the international ar-  
 chitectural team of Renzo Piano  
 from Italy and Richard Rogers from  
 England. Their design was bold and

## Lessons from Europe

original, to say the least. In essence,  
 it was a Bauhaus building turned  
 inside out.

The facade was composed of  
 steel pipes and metal framing over  
 walls of glass, in effect exposing  
 what was usually hidden as the in-  
 ner structure of the building to pub-  
 lic view. The startling effect of the  
 exterior was relieved and lightened  
 by the use of bright, eye-catching  
 colors on many of the pipes and  
 ventilation shafts.

The design for the Pompidou  
 Center created a major controversy  
 even before construction began, as  
 did the demolition of several blocks  
 of dilapidated old houses in the area  
 where the new museum was to be  
 erected. Preservationists decried the  
 loss of dozens of "historic struc-  
 tures" and many architectural crit-  
 ics lambasted the design of the  
 museum as "a gigantic, high-rise,  
 sewage-treatment plant."

Today however, even the  
 staunchest preservationists and  
 harshest architectural critics would  
 have to admit that the Pompidou  
 Center project was a rousing suc-  
 cess, both as a newly created cul-  
 tural center and as a spur to urban  
 revitalization.

Immediately after it opened in  
 1977, the Pompidou Center drew  
 large crowds to view its exhibits of  
 Post-Impressionist, Abstract, and  
 avant-garde paintings and sculpture,  
 and to see its changing exhibits on

the history of modern media and  
 individual twentieth century artists.  
 By the following year, when I  
 first visited the Pompidou Center, it  
 was clear that the popularity of the  
 museum was having the desired  
 effect of breathing new life into the  
 historic neighborhood around it.  
 Businesses, shops, and restaurants  
 in the buildings which lined the  
 museum's plaza were opening up  
 in these recently restored historic  
 structures.

Rows of old, multi-storied resi-  
 dences were being renovated on  
 streets several blocks away from  
 the museum. And musicians, magi-  
 cians, jugglers, and those ubiqui-  
 tous French mimes were perform-  
 ing in the museum plaza to appre-  
 ciative crowds.

Today, twenty years later, the  
 initial success of the Pompidou  
 Center project has continued to gen-  
 erate investment in new businesses,  
 cafes, and restoration of private  
 housing throughout the Marais Dis-  
 trict.

At present, the Marais is rapidly  
 becoming one of Paris' most fash-  
 ionable districts, with increasing  
 income levels and declining crime  
 rates. And this has happened de-  
 spite the fact that the national  
 economy of France has been mired  
 in a severe economic recession, with  
 record high unemployment rates,  
 since the beginning of this decade.

Cleveland Ohio might seem like  
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The Marais District on Paris' Right Bank is a historic neighborhood that had fallen on hard times. It was revitalized by the construction of a major museum, The Georges Pompidou Center.



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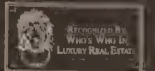
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# Wright project reaps rewards

By Joshua Silverman

Long time Berkeley resident Keith Alward and his crew at Alward Construction were recently recognized for their work rebuilding a Bay Area house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Alward landed the prestigious Grand Award and first place prize for Entire House Remodel in a competition sponsored by the local chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI).

A fire in 1994 almost completely destroyed the house that Wright originally built for the present owners in 1948. Instead of collecting the insurance and relocating, the owners, now in their 80s, opted to rebuild their original house.

A number of Bay Area builders submitted estimates for the cost of rebuilding this Wright original. However, after lengthy negotiations and securing the trust of the owners, Alward Construction was granted this rare opportunity in November 1995.

Given the complexity of rebuilding a Frank Lloyd Wright house the owners asked Walter Olds, Wright's senior apprentice who oversaw the original construction, if he would return in 1995 to see to it that the job was done right.

"To have daily input and

detailed drawings from Walter, and to have the original clients of Wright, with their love for the house and their dedication to its rebuilding, allowed us to do a very special job," said Alward.

Under the supervision of Olds, and armed with drawings that require an esoteric understanding of Wright's design, Alward and his crew began work in December 1995 on a house that would not be completed until July 1997, 20 months later.

The challenge of working on a Wright house, "in the arena of quality architecture," as Alward puts it, provided Alward Construction with an exhilarating experience.

Because of the skill required for this project Alward admits he was prepared to hire outside craftsmen for help.

Instead, he chose to stay with his crew, which he proudly claims was indeed the right decision. Alward largely attributes the success of the project to the expertise and professionalism of his foreman, Cregg Sweeney. Sweeney enjoyed the work and said it was "the most challenging job" of his professional career.

"There was nothing ordinary about this job, from beginning to end we were thrown interesting problems," said Alward. One of the first challenges Alward faced was building a tent to ensure that the crew could build

**'There was nothing ordinary about this job, from beginning to end we were thrown interesting problems.'**

KEITH ALWARD

year round regardless of weather. Two 250-foot steel cables with 35-foot steel studs held the mammoth tent in place with vents at the top so that gusts of wind could harmlessly pass through.

This Usonian house, a term coined by Wright to designate this style of house, has two-feet-thick solid wood walls set on a colored concrete slab. "There are no wall or floor cavities to run pipes and wires. The roof is a thin plane with limited space for hiding most of the stuff that's out of sight in houses," said Alward.

Modern amenities like air conditioning and contemporary bath and kitchen facilities required a certain ingenuity to install while maintaining the desired aesthetics.

But with the help of J.W. Lunt Heating and Plumbing and Early Light Electric, Alward, his crew and Olds were able to conceal those unsightly materials.



The beauty of this Frank Lloyd Wright home was preserved in award-winning style by Construction and the team of experts Keith Alward called in to complete the job.

In most homes walls are built and then cabinets hung on them, in this house, but this home's design forced Alward to build the walls and cabinets at the same time.

The carpentry skills employed

for this intricate task far surpass those required in conventional residential construction.

When viewing the naturally finished redwood walls and ceilings, Cherokee red concrete floors, dramatically sloping gold

leaf ceilings, and gorgeous fireplaces it is not hard to see how NARI made its final decision. Presently, Alward is a candidate for Contrator of the Year by the national remodeling board for NARI.

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Kitchens are known for clutter, but even new ones may have cabinet corners "dead space" or shelving that is not improved. Kitchens get a lot of use, so improving storage space makes your life noticeably easier. You may want to replace your cabinets so you have adjustable shelves, doors with slide-out drawers and specialized compartments for cookie sheets, and recycling. Custom cabinet makers can do anything your heart desires,

**Now is a good time to reevaluate inconveniences. Get out your paper and pencil — it's time to make a list.**

and these days even stock cabinets have many of these items as standard features.

General contractors specializing in kitchens can replace your existing cabinets and countertops, but if you plan on reconfiguring your kitchen, it's best to hire a certified kitchen designer. She will design plans for a kitchen that fits your family's lifestyle and that you can give a professional general contractor to follow.

If you're a collector or love to read, a woodworker can build custom bookcases to display your treasures or store your library. You may decide to stash the television, video games, and stereo equipment out of sight in an entertainment center. Look around your family room and imagine it clutter-free.

Closets are another storage chal-

See PLAN on page 10



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It must have been our recent involvement in staging a house that has caused me to think so much about my belongings. It seems like I've been running a "mind movie" of personal possessions for weeks now.

When staging works, it works very well. Even a small addition of the right lamp, chair or rug can make a huge difference in making a house look good. The staging for our listing was done by a professional stager who used her own things but she thought she might use some of mine too.

As I went to sleep each night before the house was set up, I thought about what we might put in it to best effect. I had the fun of roaming through the rooms in my mind, then through my own inventory.

The staging worked very well and the house is now sold but I haven't been able to stop thinking about things I own and some I once had. I've asked myself what I have given away over the years that I might better have kept. Should I have held onto all of it? It's a useless question. This is better: What

# That trash might be treasure

should I save in the future?

Reaching back to "see" what I had inside all the places I've lived was quite enjoyable until I remembered things I wish I still had. I recall, for instance, an upholstered footstool with fat wooden feet that I gave away in a cleaning-out mode. I don't know why I did that. It didn't take up a lot of room and surely I might have held onto it, could be using it now.

Also, long ago, I had an old wooden kitchen chair, a turned-spindle ladder-back, probably purchased at a flea market. I painted it orange and put it in the bedroom of my first apartment and loved it. I could use that chair now. A gate-leg kitchen table, painted white, and a handmade braided rug are also gone and missed. I berate myself for these giveaways. And yet, surely it doesn't make sense to hold onto everything.

After my mother died a couple of years ago, I took months to decide what to keep, what to give away. It was my plan to bring home and use what I could, get rid of the rest. I did pretty well until the end but at the last minute, after her house had sold and I needed to empty it, I moved a lot of things to Anet's house and to storage. There it all sits, boxes of dishes and vases, roll-top desk, vanity, chairs and tables, and for what? Will I ever use any of it?

Obviously I am of two minds about this. On some days, I can't bear that I have ever let go of things I have had; other days I wish to be

unburdened, especially of larger possessions that are not currently in use — unless I think of them as collectibles.

I do allow myself, usually guilt-free, to keep things that I think may become more valuable someday or ones I fantasize that my children will want. In my basement are old embroidered and tatted tablecloths, lots of toys, doll cribs and wooden children's chairs.

years is valued at \$6,000 to \$8,000. "I had no idea," the owner of the vase says, looking stunned. "I never liked it much but it looks pretty good to me now."

Because I often find the most valuable goods unattractive, I wonder what I've thrown out that might have been worth a lot. I see things on "Antiques Roadshow" every time I watch that I wouldn't have bothered to donate to charity but

**How exciting it is to watch a person's face when he is told that ugly glass vase is worth \$6,000 to \$8,000.**

Also a nearly complete set of Nero Wolfe mysteries, Peter Rabbit dishes, only two boxes of baby clothes, quilts of various sizes. I've got a number of wooden cribbage boards, an ivory silk piano shawl and silverware I never use. Even a vintage electric food mixer with yellow-green glass bowls and a continuous-conveyor bread toaster from the 1930s. Every one of these is something I'd probably be tempted to buy all over again if I saw it at a garage sale.

Whenever I remember to, I watch on TV "Antiques Roadshow". I like hearing what makes certain things valuable. How exciting it is to witness the surprise on a person's face when he is told that the ugly glass vase that has been in his family for

would have put directly in the garbage. Guess I just save things I like, regardless of their value to the rest of the world.

This probably makes the most sense. In fact, I have made a new pledge to myself: I won't get rid of anything, even when I'm in a sweep-the-decks sort of mood, until I've considered carefully whether I can use the item myself, might stage a house with it, or it might be valuable to someone else. If it doesn't fit any of these categories, then I'll ask myself if I like it anyway. And if I do, particularly if it's not too large, chances are good that I'll keep it.

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# Moss

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laws require mortgage brokers to give their clients a good faith estimate of closing costs, all too often this is not done until the day before closing. Corkery blames the problem of shifting tasks onto escrow officers on at least two factors: laziness and lack of training.

"People are not reading the preliminary reports," she said. "It's clear to me the customer's representative is not reading the report the title company prepares. For instance, a property has an abatement against it. They think this magically goes away, and it doesn't."

## Old vs. new loan

Another good example of a typical problem that escrow officers frequently must solve is that of an old loan. A loan that was paid off many years ago but for which a reconveyance was not recorded means it is still of record. Corkery said loan brokers and real estate professionals need to read the preliminary title report and discuss these situations with the customer in order to allow the escrow company sufficient time to get the customer the documents they need in order to have the loan reconveyed.

"But they don't do that," Corkery said. "It's silence is golden as far as they are concerned. We have become a place where the customer looks for answers which are beyond the scope of our normal duty."

Brokers are not the only ones falling down on the job. Lenders are also leaning on escrow officers to do additional work. "It's very common that the lender looks at us to remove conditions, which I do not believe should be the case," she said. And one more sticking point has to do with paying off existing loans.

## Servicing the unserviceable

Loan servicing agreements, whereby a company other than the lender is collecting payments and servicing the loan, are not put on record so an escrow officer often does not know from whom to order a payoff.

"We ask the client's representative where they make the payments and to whom, but the representative often tells the escrow officer to pay from the preliminary report," Corkery explained. "We can't do that."

Then, when closing day arrives,

some real estate people have been known to come unglued. "We're the last stop before payday," Corkery said. "They start screaming at us, and pushing and shoving because they think we should take care of everything. I could do a much better job if people would communicate. People think we know as much as they do, even though we haven't talked. I'm not a clairvoyant."

Corkery began her working career at Multiple Listing Service of San Francisco, the forerunner to the Association's multiple listing service. She was there for eighteen and a half years, then spent 13 years as the escrow coordinator with Colonial Realty and Investment Company. She has been in title companies for about 14 years.

"I've seen a lot happen. When I was at Colonial, it was a big office. They had several sales managers. Every time there was a deal written and a counter offer came in, before it was shown to customers it had to be reviewed by a manager. There was training. That is nonexistent today. People don't have that to draw on these days, or it's so minimal. It's apparent to my eye because I've been around so long."

## Central to operation

Escrow officers are like the hubs of a wheel: all the spokes must go through them. They deal with the final stages of a transaction, sit down and sign up buyers and sellers, see to the payment of real estate agents, fire insurance policies, mortgage brokers, property inspection services — in short, anyone who expects to be paid upon successful close of the deal.

At the moment, there is no separate real estate or escrow license. But that could change, according to Corkery. "I think it's coming," she said. "The position of the escrow person has developed into an area that requires more expertise than was originally thought of for an escrow person."

I just want to say thanks to all the long-suffering escrow officers and their staff without whom we would have a rather bumpy real estate ride.

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## AREA HOME SALES

ALAMEDA	OAKLAND
1627 8th St. - \$204,000	1121 101st Ave. - \$110,000
2619 Bayview Dr. - \$219,000	3653 38th Ave. - \$115,000
107 Biscay Bay - \$345,500	414 44th St. - \$160,000
1133 Bismarck Ln. - \$200,000	436 57th St. - \$157,000
867 Cedar St. - \$255,000	1201 58th Ave. - \$75,000
537 Crendon Cir. - \$582,500	1501 68th Ave. - \$85,000
2919 Fernside Blvd. - \$359,000	1643 74th Ave. - \$109,000
865 Laurel St. - \$115,000	5840 Ascot Dr. - \$306,500
466 Lincoln Ave. - \$218,500	119 Beechwood Dr. - \$690,000
15 Orr Ct. - \$278,000	3080 Birdsall Ave. - \$139,000
23 Orr Ct. - \$256,000	12240 Blythen Way - \$500,000
101 Orr Rd. - \$247,000	6431 Brookside Ave. - \$624,000
1815 Otis Dr. - \$455,000	3533 Bruce St. - \$159,000
1016 Santa Clara - \$165,000	6120 Bullard Dr. - \$355,000
2629 Santa Clara - \$210,000	280 Caldecott #289 - \$204,500
1416 Seminary Ave. - \$295,000	280 Caldecott #292 - \$240,000
208 Sweet Rd. - \$524,000	280 Caldecott #293 - \$206,500
618 Waterfall Isle - \$335,000	280 Caldecott #298 - \$213,000
ALBANY	280 Caldecott #299 - \$145,000
920 Neilson St. - \$253,000	479 Cavour St. - \$289,000
545 Pierce St. #1101 - \$145,000	6458 Colby St. - \$425,000
535 Pierce St. #1310 - \$158,000	4138 Coolidge Ave. - \$237,000
811 Pomona Ave. - \$312,000	10516 Creekside Cir. - \$143,000
806 Ramona Ave. - \$321,000	7859 Crest Ave. - \$168,000
1457 Thousand Oaks - \$274,000	816 East 22nd St. - \$127,000
BERKELEY	350 Elysian Fields Dr. - \$300,000
1819 63rd St. - \$140,000	280 Euclid Ave. - \$365,000
1460 9th St. - \$175,000	5359 Fleming Ave. - \$133,000
2315 Acton St. - \$207,000	170 Gravatt Dr. - \$795,000
2440 Acton St. - \$144,500	631 Haddon Rd. - \$521,000
3013 Acton St. - \$85,000	3422 Harper St. - \$144,000
1326 Burnett St. - \$100,000	3768 Harrison St. #101 - \$72,500
2331 Eunice St. - \$276,500	78 Hermosa Ave. - \$511,000
1451 Henry St. - \$235,000	1227 International - \$260,000
1675 La Loma Ave. - \$873,000	5360 James Ave. - \$295,000
1707 MLK Jr Way - \$201,000	375 Jayne Ave. #301 - \$119,000
2830 McGee Ave. - \$110,500	5665 Keith Ave. - \$225,000
1318 Ordway St. - \$179,000	3946 La Cresta Ave. - \$200,000
1229 Oregon St. - \$143,000	2751 Madera Ave. - \$136,500
1839 Rose St. - \$205,500	2623 Market St. - \$87,000
964 Shattuck Ave. - \$500,000	812 MLK Jr Way - \$190,000
131 Southampton - \$1,000,000	2265 Melvin Rd. - \$560,000
774 Spruce St. - \$375,000	6217 Merriewood Dr. - \$329,000
2636 Stuart St. - \$338,000	3487 Midvale Ave. - \$97,000
261 Vistamont Ave. - \$489,000	3632 Midvale Ave. - \$265,000
2632 Warring St. - \$173,000	2626 Minna Ave. - \$137,000
EL CERRITO	250 Montecito #206 - \$150,000
242 Ashbury Ave. - \$247,500	8741 Mountain #16 - \$114,000
3408 Belmont Ave. - \$124,000	2934 Octavia St. - \$112,000
1313 Brewster Dr. - \$430,000	8315 Outlook Ave. - \$173,000
819 Contra Costa Dr. - \$289,000	2705 Pleasant St. - \$130,000
6919 Gladys Ave. - \$225,000	9532 Plymouth St. - \$105,000
2302 Gloria St. - \$193,000	4550 Reinhardt Dr. - \$199,500
2334 Mono Ave. - \$195,000	2757 Ritchie St. - \$154,500
1421 Norvell St. - \$160,000	386 Santa Clara #202 - \$145,000
EL SOBRANTE	12770 Skyline Blvd. - \$625,000
40 Hetsley Place - \$190,000	9228 Sunnyside St. - \$108,500
5820 Olinda Rd. - \$153,000	627 Trestle Glen Rd. - \$300,000
4526 S. Pablo Dam - \$139,000	4321 Turner Ave. - \$299,000
6051 S. Pablo Dam - \$122,500	4015 Walnut St. - \$128,000
EMERYVILLE	4317 Webster St. - \$237,500
1057 47th St. - \$195,000	
8 Admiral #A328 - \$209,000	
2 Anchor. #F284 - \$71,000	
5 Commodore. #203B - \$70,000	
7 Commodore. - \$96,500	
KENSINGTON	
443 Beloit Ave. - \$195,000	
97 Kingston Rd. - \$375,000	
1523 Valley Rd. - \$335,000	

1115 Wellington St. - \$302,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$400,000
3951 Whittle Ave. - \$220,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$210,000
PIEDMONT	EL SOBRANTE
43 Farragut Ave. - \$1,250,000	TOTAL SALES: 4
5 Glen Alpine Rd. - \$2,143,500	LOWEST PRICE: \$172,000
51 Glen Alpine Rd. - \$1,375,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,375,000
10 Monte Ave. - \$785,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,375,000
21 Park Way - \$600,000	EMERYVILLE
101 Scenic Ave. - \$840,000	TOTAL SALES: 5
RICHMOND	LOWEST PRICE: \$172,000
626 28th St. - \$159,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,375,000
953 33rd St. - \$100,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,375,000
924 34th St. - \$94,000	KENSINGTON
652 5th St. - \$70,000	TOTAL SALES: 3
5808 Amend Rd. - \$215,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$172,000
3211 Andrade Ave. - \$132,500	HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,375,000
5851 Arlington Blvd. - \$137,500	AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,375,000
6216 Bernhard Ave. - \$156,000	OAKLAND
2422 Branchwood Ct. - \$140,000	TOTAL SALES: 63
5645 Carlos Ave. - \$75,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$172,000
1900 Carquinez Ave. - \$155,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,375,000
2990 De Anza Dr. - \$161,500	AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,375,000
1721 Garvin Ave. - \$110,000	PIEDMONT
1911 Gaynor Ave. - \$76,000	TOTAL SALES: 6
44 Grove St. - \$125,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$172,000
1546 Mariposa St. - \$118,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,375,000
3648 Morningside Dr. - \$220,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,375,000
29 Ripley Ave. - \$86,000	RICHMOND
358 South 41st St. - \$140,000	TOTAL SALES: 20
6209 Tehama Ave. - \$80,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$172,000
SAN LEANDRO	HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,375,000
15690 Anchorage Dr. - \$279,500	AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,375,000
15696 Anchorage Dr. - \$265,000	SAN LEANDRO
680 Beatrice St. - \$154,500	TOTAL SALES: 26
940 Broadmoor Blvd. - \$138,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$172,000
1569 Brookside Dr. - \$162,500	HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,375,000
1400 Carpenter #437 - \$125,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,375,000
1400 Carpenter St. - \$136,500	SAN LORENZO
15063 Costella St. - \$160,000	TOTAL SALES: 4
1108 Cumberland - \$204,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$172,000
1551 Dayton Ave. - \$145,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,375,000
	AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,375,000

## SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA	ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 18	TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$145,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$582,500	HIGHEST PRICE: \$321,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$292,416	AVERAGE PRICE: \$243,833
BERKELEY	EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 20	TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$85,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$124,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,000,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$297,500	

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121 HAGAR AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 4BD/3+BA.....\$775,000 Magnificent SF bay view, beautifully maintained & charming. Sally Morrison	3958 CANON AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 3BD/3BA New listing! Completely renovated, master suite, great yard, view.
297 ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 5BD/4BA.....\$759,000 New listing! Charming English, beautiful details, family room. Ann Nichols	6657 GUNN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/5BA Centrally located in wooded setting, rumpus rm, hwdv floors, view.
10065 BROADWAY TERRACE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/3+BA.....\$735,000 Exquisite craftsman, exceptional quality, panoramic SF views. Jeffrey Himmel	13255 CLAIREPOINTE, PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2+BA Bright, spacious, all-level, updated kit, family room, yard, view.
301 HILLSIDE AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 4BD/3+BA.....\$659,000 New listing! Cathedral ceilings, huge kitchen, den, level yard. Martha Hostaw	3500 JORDAN ROAD, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 4BD/4+BA New listing! Spacious Monterey colonial, sunny exposure, view.
1036 AQUARIUS WAY, MONTCLAIR - 5BD/3+BA.....\$649,000 New listing! Fabulous new home, au pair/floor plan, Wendy Spague	1366 EL CENTRO AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 3BD/1BA New listing! Adorable bungalow, French doors open to view.
6287 ACACIA, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/3+BA.....\$625,000 New Mediterranean in prime location, hwdv floors, fam rm. David Ichikawa	425 ELWOOD AVENUE, GRAND LAKE - 3BD/2BA Walk to Grand Lake! Sunny, eat-in kit, plus room, DR, yard, view.
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## Corners are key

That's a beautiful room. But I have nice things like that to with." I hear it all the time. These people don't know is one of the most important corner of interior design is the art of placement or arrangement.

The quality of furniture a person has is not as important as where furniture is placed. Correct placement brings harmony to a room and harmony makes a room

work. Fine painting can look very active if hung on the wrong wall to the wrong furniture. On the other hand, an inexpensive painting can unify an entire room if it is in just the right spot and can contribute to the elegance of a

room. This column and future columns will discuss the art of placement with respect to home furniture furnishings. We will look at

corners, focal points, mantles and even china cabinets and bookcases. We will study every room of the house, even hallways.

### Importance of Balance, Relationships and Lines

The three most important elements in placement and design are balance, relationship and lines.

Balance is harmony. Ideally, weight, height, size and colors balance each other in a room.

Nothing should be placed in a room without consideration of the relationship. Does the color, size, texture, shape or theme relate to whatever is nearby? Even in a china cabinet or bookcase where items can be very small, everything should relate.

Every object has a line or shape to it. Lines must vary, but in the right proportion, neither too high nor too low, and neither too plain

nor too fussy, depending on the relationship to other objects, in order to achieve balance.

### The Thread That Runs Through Our Lives

One of my objectives in writing this column is to give homeowners more confidence in following their instincts when selecting furnishings for their homes.

When a person buys new furniture it will complement existing furniture because we are always attracted to things that relate to what we already have.

Like a thread that runs through our lives, something bought today relates to what we bought 10 years ago, either in color, shape, texture or theme. The trick is to find how the pieces relate so that they can be

placed where they best complement one another.

People are confused about interior design. Many know their homes don't look as good as they could look, and they know this even after they've spent thousands of dollars on furniture.

They want their homes to reflect their own styles and personalities and therefore try to decorate by themselves. "Anyone should be able to match color and style" they tell themselves. This column is for everyone who wants to do his own decorating, but would like a little guidance on the subject.

### The Most Important Corner

Surprisingly, the first thing we notice upon entering any space is not what is directly in front of us.

**Like a thread that runs through our lives, something bought today relates to what we bought 10 years ago.**

Our natural instinct is to look diagonally to the right or left, not straight ahead. Try it yourself.

Therefore the corner situated diagonally from the entrance, either to our right or to our left, is the Most Important Corner.

This corner equals the entrance in importance. We might call this corner an extended entrance where the visitor forms a first impression of you and your tastes.

Therefore, the television, clutter or insignificant art and furnishings

do not belong in the Most Important Corner. Your prettiest chair and lamp or perhaps a distinguished piece of art hung over a table do belong in this corner.

As to where to put the TV, we'll discuss that problem in a later column.

Eileen Halliburton is the owner of Re-Designs which specializes in complete room design with existing furnishings. She can be reached at 763-1829; her e-mail is Ehredesign@aol.com.

## Experience redesign magic for yourself

By Laura Fischer

T.S. Eliot wrote: "Home is where one starts from." The environment we wake up to is crucial to how we feel when we start our day. More important is the space and ambience we return to at the end of the day. It welcomes us and helps us gear down and enjoy the comforts of the place we call home.

This is true of anyone, from homeowners, to apartment or condominium renters. We arrange our "stuff" in a way that suits us. We fill our living spaces with what is comfortable and what we perceive fills our needs.

Yet, over time our living space may become cluttered. Spaces that are merely functional can multiply in a hurry. We are busy, so we accept it and do not endeavor to change it. We lose sight of how fresh eyes on the same old situation can change our lives.

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This may seem a curious concept to most of us who figure, a sofa is a sofa, a chair, a chair and a lamp, a lamp. And yet, you would be surprised at how subtle changes in the spatial differences of furniture and placement of area lighting can transform a room.

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**'Harmony is the most important ingredient in design.'**

Irmie Engelbrecht of Lafayette says, "I walked from room to room and could hardly believe what I was seeing. What Eileen had accomplished was nothing short of remarkable."

So where does one begin to reconfigure an already lived in space? Eileen Halliburton starts with the basics and moves on from there. "The most common mistakes are ignored architectural lines built into the home, and in many cases too large a piece of furniture is placed on too small a wall," she says.

"Or, the furnishings do not relate to one another and therefore do not

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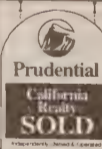
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# Wilson

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an unlikely city to follow the example set by Paris, but this much maligned Midwestern metropolis is benefiting today from some valuable "French lessons" that its civic leaders used as an inspiration. In the 1950s, Cleveland had reached its zenith in population and wealth, when it was America's seventh largest city and a hub of heavy industry and railroad transportation for the entire Great Lakes region.

Like most large cities east of the Mississippi River, Cleveland's fortunes began to decline in the 1960s, when it began to lose most of its manufacturing jobs and much of its middle class population. By 1990, Cleveland had lost more than 400,000 residents, dropping to just over half a million in population, and the trend towards urban decline and increasing poverty and crime seemed to be irreversible.

Cleveland's image had become something of a joke in the national media, which took to referring to the hapless city as "The Mistake on the Lake". The downtown area, once a thriving commercial district, had become almost a ghost town, having been abandoned years before by most of the once-viable businesses. Many of the elegant Victorian Era commercial buildings and mansions that once lined fashionable Euclid Avenue had already been demolished, or sat vacant awaiting the wrecking ball.

There was one glimmer of hope in this dismal picture. An old nineteenth century neighborhood known as "Ohio City" adjacent to the downtown area had somehow survived the ravages of decay and decline. This charming residential area was full of superb bracketed Italianate mansions and towered Queen Anne

villas.

In the late 1970s, many of the old houses in the Ohio City district were being restored by "urban pioneers", who bought them in varying states of deferred maintenance and invested their own "sweat equity" to retire them to their former glory.

One such investor was former San Francisco supervisor Richard Hongisto, who left the Bay Area in 1979 to briefly take a job as Police Chief of Cleveland. These urban pioneers were assisted by a federal program known as "Urban Home-steading", which provided low interest construction loans for homebuyers who would restore historic houses in inner city neighborhoods.

Unfortunately, this restoration boom was cut short by the recession of the early 1980s, with its drastic drop in real estate values, and by the elimination of the Urban Home-steading program by the Reagan Administration.

By the early 1990s, when the Midwest was hit even harder than the rest of the nation by the next recession, it had become clear to Cleveland's civic leaders that they would have to come up with a bold new plan if they were going to halt the continuing decline of the city's old center.

The solution Cleveland's leaders chose combined rock and roll with the world's most famous architect. When Rolling Stone Magazine announced a competition to pick a major U.S. city for the future home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum, Cleveland decided to enter the competition in earnest.

To the surprise of many observers, Cleveland won over more likely competitors such as Detroit, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and New York. What may have swayed the committee in its favor was the decision to ask renowned architect I.M.

Pei to design the new building if Cleveland was chosen as the museum site.

I.M. Pei had earned international acclaim for his bold and controversial design of the now famous "glass pyramids" in front of the Louvre Museum in Paris. These were designed in the late 1980s as a means of improving access to the Louvre for the tens of thousands of people who visit the mammoth art museum every day.

The focal point of Pei's design is a large glass and steel pyramid in the center of the old courtyard of the Louvre, which allows a steady stream of visitors to take an escalator to a spacious enclosed courtyard below ground level. Once there, a visitor can decide which of three major pavilions they want to enter first.

This brilliantly simple concept has greatly reduced the amount of time it takes to enter the Louvre, as anyone who has visited the museum both before and after the completion of "Pei's pyramids" in 1989 can attest.

For their Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum, Cleveland's civic leaders asked Pei to adapt another version of his famous glass pyramid design to the lakefront site at the edge of the old downtown.

The final result was a even larger glass pyramid than the one in front of the Louvre, and a museum that utilized several levels for its exhibits, below as well as above ground. The new facility won immediate critical acclaim after it opened in 1996, and it was an instant hit with the crowds of tourists who came to visit the museum.

Cleveland's city planners were also mindful of the example set by the construction of the Pompidou Center in helping to revive a historic inner city neighborhood. Their plan included state and federal funding for the renovation of much of the city's old commercial district.

This renovation in turn spurred private investment in the "adaptive reuse" of other historic buildings in the downtown and Ohio City areas. It also sparked the construction of other modern commercial and entertainment facilities, such as the new Jacob's Field Baseball Stadium for the Cleveland Indians.

Today, Cleveland has completely shed its old image of decay and decline. The vibrant, reborn downtown area has been featured in major articles recently in both Time and Newsweek magazines. These articles have emphasized how the vision and creative planning of Cleveland's civic and business lead-

ers has led to a genuine Renaissance of the city's historic center.

We in the Bay Area should take heed of the lessons offered by the experiences of both Paris and Cleveland.

As San Franciscans struggle with the decision of where to rebuild the De Young Art Museum, it would be wise for them to agree to the recent proposal to create a separate museum of the city's history. The site chosen for such a new facility should have as its top priority the goal of helping to spur the revival of one of The City's historic neighborhoods.

In the East Bay, the success of the Pompidou Center and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame should help guide Oakland's city planners in

deciding how to encourage the birth of some of the city's new neighborhoods.

A good start has been made with plans to convert Green Library Building and Martin Luther King into a Museum of African American History and Culture. Projects should be carried near future, both to help inner city areas and to help natural legacy to our descendants which we can truly be proud of.

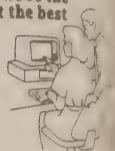
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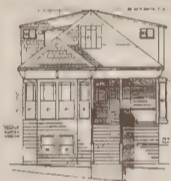
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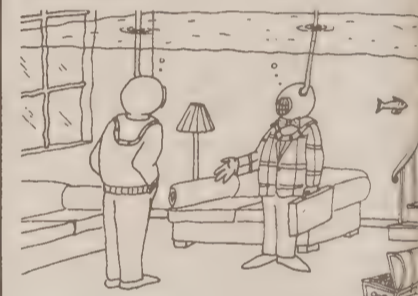
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Hands-On. On Sun., Feb. 8,  
center again hosts Andrus  
's Drywall Installation:  
On and Alice Sells' home  
seminar The Smart Seller.  
For info call the BEC at  
860-0000.

can find everything for your

home and garden in one location at  
the **Alameda County Spring Home  
and Garden Show**. The show will  
be held at the Alameda County Fair-  
grounds in Pleasanton on Feb. 6, 7  
and 8. Show hours are 1-8 p.m. on  
Fri. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sat. and 10  
a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sun. Admission is  
\$5, children 12 and under are ad-  
mitted free.

On Sat., Feb. 7 Terry Allen,  
C.F.P. and Dennis Kamensky will  
present a free **Tax Seminar** on the  
newest and latest tax law changes.  
The seminar will be given at Scott's  
Restaurant in Jack London Square,  
Oakland. Dennis will speak about  
the new tax laws involving real es-  
tate, capital gains, the self-em-  
ployed, and how we can use these  
new laws to make more money and  
pay less taxes. Terry will discuss  
the new IRAs and new investment  
strategies. Space is limited. For res-  
ervations Call Keri at 988-0330.

Marsha Quick of Red Oak Re-  
alty and Karen Ward of CMG Mort-  
gage present the free workshop  
**Woman to Woman: Finding the  
Keys to Buying Your Own Home**,  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat., Feb. 7 at  
1225 Solano Avenue in Albany.  
Rub shoulders with other women  
who want to buy a home. Learn  
about investigating your best neigh-  
borhoods, setting priorities, team-  
ing with industry professionals and  
get an overview of the process. Be-  
come an educated consumer regard-  
ing loan/income qualifications and  
documentation, loan and interest  
rate choices and advertising. Learn  
strategies to minimize closing costs.  
Reservations are required. Call 718-  
2134.

Consumer Credit Counseling  
Service, a nonprofit community  
service organization is providing  
the following free workshops  
**Money 101**: Tues., Feb. 10, 17, 6-8  
p.m., 1432 San Antonio St.,

Alameda. **I Hate To Budget**: Mon.,  
Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m., 333 Hegenberger  
Rd. Suite. 618, Oakland. **First Time  
Homebuyers Class**: Thurs., Feb.  
19, 6-8 p.m., 333 Hegenberger Rd.  
Suite. 618, Oakland. **Downsizing  
Your Debt**: Tue., Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m.,  
333 Hegenberger Rd. Suite. 618,  
Oakland. **I Hate To Budget**: Sat.,  
Feb. 28, 10 am - 12 Noon, 333  
Hegenberger Rd. Suite. 618, Oak-  
land. Registration is mandatory. Call  
(800) 501-SAVE, ext. 235, to re-  
serve space.

Join University of California  
pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from  
9 a.m. to noon the first Sat. of every  
month for a free **Sick Plant Clinic**  
at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200  
Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in  
with a piece of a sick or a dying  
plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose  
the problem. Call 643-2755 or gar-  
den @uclink4.berkeley.edu for  
more information.

Russell Doi of the Mortgage  
Network hosts free **First Time  
Homebuyer Seminar** on an ongo-  
ing basis. Learn about the many  
first-time homebuyer programs  
available today. Find out just how  
much home you can afford to buy.  
Receive a free booklet that will help  
you prepare for the biggest invest-  
ment you may ever make. Call 526-  
6554 to make reservations.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. an-  
nounces Charles Patton's free  
203(k) mortgage workshop **Reha-  
bilitate for Profit or Equity with a  
Proven Product**. The workshop,  
which will show you how to use the  
203(k) loan program to purchase,  
renovate and resell property in a  
short time, is held on an ongoing  
basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240  
for times and places in your area.

The **Orchid Society of Califor-  
nia** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third  
Monday of each month at the Lake

Merritt Garden Center, 666 Belle-  
vue Ave., Oakland. Learn about  
orchids and their care. Purchase or-  
chid plants at the members' plant  
sale before the meeting. Orchid lec-  
turers share their knowledge and  
provide plants for a raffle. Join the  
camaraderie and learn about the  
beautiful world of orchids. Call 531-  
1210 for more information.

The **Golden Gate Cymbidium  
Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the  
fourth Wed. of each month at the  
Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666  
Bellevue Ave., Oakland. A plant  
sale is featured before the meet-  
ing affording you the opportunity  
to purchase quality cymbidiums.  
These meetings feature expert  
growers from around world with  
their slides and valuable tips for  
growing cymbidiums. Attend this  
meeting and learn how to grow  
and bloom these beautiful plants.  
Call 531-1210 for more informa-  
tion.

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

## LAND \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

- 7101 NORFOLK RD**, Claremont Hills, 5/3, nw lft, gorgeous!  
Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460
- 33 NORTH HILL CT**, Location/curb appeal/design! Elegant, bay vw  
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780
- 8 CHANCELLOR PL**, Oakland/Claremont Hills, New & unusual  
4/2 Med w/Views! Prudential CA Realty 845-0211, 898-9403
- 10065 BROADWAY TER**, Montclair, 3/3+ craftsman, pano vw  
Pacific Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460
- 1036 AQUARIUS WY**, Montclair 5/3+, new, aupair, level yard  
Pacific Union, Wendy Sprague 339-6460
- 18 STARVIEW**, Hiller Hghdhs, 3/3 twnhs, "top of the line", fab vw!  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 6287 ACACIA**, Upr Rckrdge, 4/3+ nw Med, hdwds, family room  
Pacific Union, David Ichikawa 339-6460
- 131 WILDING LN**, Rockridge, 4+bd/3 1/2 family home, office  
Prudential CA Realty, Colette Ford 845-0211
- 20 CHAMBERS LN**, New, bright & spacious, 2 fpl, wooded in, deck  
Wells & Bennett, Romey White 531-7000 X284
- 7251 SKYLINE**, Montclair, spacious custom 5/3+, views! Come see  
LaSalle Properties, Nick Lavrov 525-2722
- 6201 RUTLAND RD**, Montclair, 4/2, level lot, stop/see/compare!  
LaSalle Properties, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401 SUNDAY 2-5
- 6650 ESTATES DR**, Montclair, 3+/2+, rumpus, FDR, walk village  
Pacific Union, Helen Danhaki 339-6460
- 5444 HILLTOP CRESCENT**, Rckrdge 4/2+ Cape, cul-de-sac, yd  
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 5991 GLENARMS DR**, Like nw w/dramatic detail! 3/2 1/2, hdwds  
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400
- 33 BOWLES PL**, 3/1 1/2 trad'l, hdwds, formal rms, garden  
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400
- 2 BELLWAVER**, Hillcrest 4/2 1/2, custom hm w/gourmet kit, 2 fpl  
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 2144 MASTLANDS DR**, Montclair, 4/3+, fam rm, rec rm, in-law  
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 5150 REDWOOD RD**, Oakland Hills 3/2+, great view, lg lot  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205
- 6100 RIDGEMONT**, 3bd, 2 1/2 ba gem! 3 fpl, garden, bay vw  
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng & Karen Lun 339-1174
- 2039 TAMPA AVE**, Montclair, 4/3 w/bay vw, price reduced/valuel  
LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-2109
- 2110 MASTLANDS DR**, Montclair, 3bd/2ba stunning trad'l, private  
LaSalle Properties, Steven Blasatti 339-6160
- 15005 BROADWAY TER**, Montclair 3bd, pano bay vw, peaceful  
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256
- 6679 CHARING CROSS**, Hiller, 4/2 1/2 twnhs, space for office  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 8201 SKYLINE CIR**, Bayview in Oakland Hills. 3 & 4 bd w2 1/2ba  
by Kaufman and Broad. Spectacular vws of SF Bay, recreational  
trails, EZ commute. 430-9633 MON 12-6, TUES-SUN 10-6
- 3445 BRUNELL**, SF Bay vw! 5/3 nw listing, rumpus, 2 fpl, dbl gar  
Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174
- 680 TRESTLE GLEN RD**, Grand 4/3 trad'l, formal LR/DR, level yd  
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400
- 7028 THORNHILL DR**, Montclair, 3/2 English Tudor, bay vw, yd  
LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-8900
- 4130 LYMAN RD**, Oakmore, 3+/1+ Med, nw listing! Deck, yd  
Pacific Union, Joan Hause 339-6460
- 5704 MORAGA AVE**, 3/2 incl. mstr suite, hdwds, pvt yd, 2-car gar  
The GRUBB Company, Jane Inch 339-0400
- 3958 CANON AVE**, Glenview 3/3, compl renovated, mstr, grt yd  
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460
- 6657 GUNN DR**, Woodsy Montclair, 3+bd/5ba, hdwds, rumpus  
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460
- 13255 CLAIREPOINTE**, 3/2, bright, spacious, updt'd kit, yard  
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 4335 LEACH**, 5bd/2ba completely refurbished, large family  
room, fireplace. Sunrise Mortgage 452-4444
- 2041 MELVIN RD**, Oakmore, 3bd/2+ba contemp, lg kit, FDR  
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 278 EUCLID AVE**, Adams Point, 2 big units on big lot, garage  
Prudential CA Realty 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501

- \$275,000 15 ELSTON**, Glenview, 1<sup>st</sup> open! 3/2 Spanish Med +sep. 1bd unit  
w/frpl. Deck & yd. Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392
- \$272,000 3500 JORDAN RD**, Redwd Hts, 4bd/3+ Monterey colonial, sunny  
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- \$269,000 1366 EL CENTRO AVE**, Glenview 3bd/1ba bungalow, nw listing!  
Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460
- \$259,000 425 ELWOOD AVE**, Grand Lake, 3/2, EIK, plus room, DR, yd  
Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460
- \$229,000 5744 GRISBORNE**, Montclair, 1+1/1 cottage w/patio, studio office  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212
- \$229,000 4643 FAIR AVE**, Charming 2+bd/1ba trad'l, fam rm, lg level yd, vw  
LaSalle Properties, Lyn Murray 339-8900 X227
- \$228,000 3059-61 FLORIDA**, Laurel, beautifully remod duplex, 2/1 ea unit  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Bob Randall 869-4242
- \$219,500 15 MOSS**, Totally charming 2+bd brown shingle, fenced patio, yd  
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256
- \$219,500 4215 GLEN AVE**, Charming 2/1 cottage, level garden, garage  
The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400
- \$207,900 931 EVELYN**, 2bd/1ba, splc 'n span! Move in! central location  
LaSalle Properties 339-8900
- \$199,000 1770 EXCELSIOR**, 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN! Serene stream/secluded yd, 20's  
bungalow, magical garden. Marvin Gardens, Sue Nelson 273-9510
- \$185,000 1716 E. 38<sup>TH</sup> ST**, New listing! Sunny 2/1 1/2 in Glenview  
Wells & Bennett, Heidi Tuggle 531-7000 X286
- \$185,000 5343 BROADWAY TER #306**, Rockridge 2bd/2b sunny unit w/vw  
of Country Club. By Owner 547-6808 eve/wkends; 415-954-4414 days
- \$179,000 4048 NORTON AVE**, Laurel, 2bd/1ba cottage, lg kit, bay vws, fpl  
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- \$178,000 3856 DELMONT AVE**, 2/1, studio in-law downstrs, updt'd kit/ba  
Gadsby & Associates, Luverne Taylor 748-5300
- \$157,000 4306 WALNUT**, Spacious 2bd/1 1/2 w/fam rm, det'd gar for studio  
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000 X218
- \$157,000 3028 GEORGIA ST**, 3/1, immaculate! Hdwds, remod kit, move in!  
Gadsby & Associates, Frank Braecklein 748-5300

## BERKELEY \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

- \$759,000 260 STONEWALL RD**, Claremont, 4bd/4ba, gracious & spacious  
LaSalle Properties, Harry Kress 339-8900
- \$725,000 1130 SHATTUCK**, New List! J.H. Thomas 5/1 1/2 w/bay vw! and  
2bdm in-law. Templeton Company, Linda Wolan 652-2133 X123
- \$619,000 124 SHERIDAN RD**, Stylish quality reconstr., 4/3 1/2, cul-de-sac  
New Listing!! Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122
- \$585,000 22 WHITTAKER**, North Berkeley, 3+/2, 3 fpl, view, fab kitchen!  
Prudential CA Realty 845-0200, Candice Economides
- \$575,000 70 OAKRIDGE**, 1<sup>st</sup> offering! Claremont, 3+/2 1/2, rare find! View  
of the World! Templeton Company, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131
- \$559,000 610 WILDCAT CYN**, 3bdm, 2 new ba, new kit, hdwds & more!  
The GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400
- \$489,000 952 ARLINGTON AV**, Berk Hills, nw listing, 4/2 1/2, fpl, FDR, hdwd  
LaSalle Properties, Victor Fierro 832-4339
- \$455,000 1186 LAUREL ST**, Elegant 4/2 duplex used as single fam hm, bay  
views, lg yard. Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X143 SUNDAY 2-4
- \$449,000 927 KEELER**, Great view/grt price! Lg 4/3, FDR, aupair! in-law  
Berkeley Hills RE, Maya Trilling 524-9888 X18 SUNDAY 2-4
- \$359,000 2815 PRINCE ST**, Elmwood, charming 3/1 1/2, sunrm, ofc, gdn  
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400
- \$359,000 1198 OXFORD**, 3bd/1 1/5 ba, remod kit/ba, bay views, small yd  
Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X126 SUNDAY 2-4
- \$325,000 1830 SONOMA**, 3bdm, 2-story hm w/lots of charm, nds TLC  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 SUNDAY 2-4
- \$309,000 2508 WOOLSEY**, 2/1 1/2, 2-story, lovingly maint. & updt'd, fir flrs,  
natural wood blt-ins. Thornhill Properties, Colleen Larkin &  
Kathryn Hill 848-1950 SUNDAY 2-4
- \$305,000 1245 FRANCISCO ST**, 2bd cottage w/sep office & yd, +\$2000  
rental income. Nr BART. Red Oak RE 527-3387 X186 SUN 2-5
- \$295,000 859 EUCLID**, Architect designed, SF & bay vws! Flier, 2+1/1  
Templeton Company, Jack McPhail 652-2133 X135 SUNDAY 2-4
- \$282,000 2538 MCGEE**, Berkeley 2 bdrm + in-law  
Coldwell Banker, Jerry Ratch 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
- \$169,900 1278 DELAWARE**, 2bd cozy cottage, updt'd kit w/bkfst nk, laundry  
garage, yd. Security Pacific, Magany Abbess 233-7329 SUN 2-4
- \$149,000 2842 WOOLSEY #2**, Charm & light! 1bd/1ba condo, nr BART  
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Glass-Sabine Team 644-5412

## EL CERRITO \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

- \$215,000 1500 ELM**, 3bd offers with/convenience/affordability! Exc cond. I  
Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Mary Gray 466-5843 SUNDAY 2-4
- \$149,000 1404 LIBERTY ST**, Nw listing! 2/1, laundry, yd, deck, walk BART  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 2-4

## EL SOBRANTE \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

- \$369,950 150 TRAVALINI CT**, 4/2 1/2, FDR, family rm w/fpl, 3-car att'd gar  
Security Pacific 222-8870, Carla Della Zopa 669-5227 SUN 2-4

## EMERYVILLE \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

- \$215,000 5931 VALLEJO ST**, FIRST OPEN! fall in love! 2/1 artists cottage!  
Prudential CA Realty 845-0211, Nancy Hoover 849-5338

## KENSINGTON \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

- \$429,000 295 LEXINGTON RD**, Spacious 3/2, indoor/outdr living! SF vws  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 SUNDAY 2-4
- \$429,000 64 HIGHGATE RD**, 3bd/2 1/2 ba, WOW! Don't Miss This!  
Prudential CA Realty 845-0200, Lorraine Osmundson 526-4566

## PIEDMONT \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

- \$1,100,000 111 SANDRINGHAM RD**, 3bd/3+ba, custom contemp, bay vw  
Pacific Union, Roselle Woods 339-6460
- \$850,000 27 KING**, 4/3 w/exciting architecture, very European  
Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174
- \$799,000 209 HILLSIDE AVE**, New listing! Lovely 4/3+ trad'l, lg yard  
Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460
- \$775,000 121 HAGAR AVE**, 4bd/3+ba, fab SF bay view! charming  
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460
- \$760,000 132 HAZEL**, Fab central location! 4/3 1/2 ranch, bay vws, den, frp  
The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400
- \$759,000 297 ST. JAMES DR**, 5bd/4ba, new listing! Family rm, charm  
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460
- \$659,000 301 HILLSIDE AVE**, 4bd/3+ba, new listing! Huge kit, level yd  
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460
- \$619,000 129 ST. JAMES**, 4+bd/3ba, 3000+ sq. ft., tranquil setting  
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Vickie Robinson 644-5411
- \$559,000 1558 OAKLAND AV**, Secluded, central location, 3bd/2b, family rm  
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Caroline Peters 547-1722
- \$425,000 101 NOVA DR**, Charming 3/1 1/2 trad'l, frml living/dining, garden  
The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400
- \$329,000 132 PALM**, Charming, cute 3/1, hdwd, level out to nice yd, nr schls  
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

## RICHMOND \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

- \$122,500 2265 43<sup>RD</sup> STREET**, 3bd/1ba  
Prudential CA Realty, Katherine Duan 527-9800 SUNDAY 2-4

## SAN LEANDRO \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

- \$210,000 577 BROADMOOR**, 1<sup>st</sup> open! Stylish 2/1 1/2 tudor, det'd ofc, 1/4 ac  
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000 SUNDAY 2-4:30
- \$165,000 14001 SEAGATE**, 2/2 twnhm, upgrades, pool, spa, nr marina  
Harbor Bay Realty 523-1144, Tere Lee 521-3352 SUNDAY 2-4



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## Plan...

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lenge. If you're tired of struggling with an overstuffed coat closet, check around the house for areas where you can "steal" unused space. You may be able to utilize the area under the stairs to build or expand a closet. Or, consider closet organizers in the bedrooms or garage, and move your personal items to those areas so your hall closet is free for guests. As you assess your needs, look along existing walls for areas where you can build a new closet.

### Upgrade basic systems

If your overnight guests have commented on their cold showers or if you can't use your toaster while the Christmas lights are on, it may be time to hire a professional to upgrade your plumbing and electrical systems.

Ditto for the heating and air conditioning systems. Don't spend another year shivering in the winter and sweating in the summer! Resolve to upgrade the basic systems in your home so your family and guests are comfortable year-round.

Now is also the time to evaluate your windows. Replacing old, drafty windows with new energy efficient models will not only make your home more comfortable, but in most cases will make it more economical to heat and cool.

### Remodel or expand

The stress of holiday entertaining often reminds us of other remodeling possibilities. For instance, after all the guests were gone, did your sore back and feet ache for a Jacuzzi spa? Did you envy your neighbor's ability to cook the turkey and the side dishes simultaneously in her new double oven?

Did you have to beg your neighbor for refrigerator space every time you had a party? These irritants add to the stress in our lives and affect how much we enjoy entertaining.

There are solutions.

Every bathroom or kitchen can be remodeled to make it not only more efficient, but more enjoyable, too. Eliminating the daily hassles in your home will make it a place to enjoy for years to come.

If you've outgrown your existing home, you may think about building up or adding on. Many homes have attic space that can be remodeled to accommodate a master bedroom suite, a game room, or a guest room.

A licensed architect can consult with you on plans for utilizing your existing attic space or adding an entire second story to your home. Many homeowners are pleasantly surprised to find how much additional living space their home will yield.

Sometimes knocking through existing walls is the best way to expand your living space to meet your lifestyle needs. The kitchen/family room combination (with dining close by) allows us to socialize with family or friends while we cook.

Creating more open spaces from existing rooms, reconfiguring windows and doors, or adding a few feet to one room can dramatically change your home to match your lifestyle.

Don't get overwhelmed by the possibilities. Carefully consider your lifestyle, your budget, and your priorities as you make your list of home improvement projects for the new year. Then, resolve to make your home a more comfortable place for you, your family, and your friends in the coming year.

For the free booklet *Hints for Hiring a Tradesperson*, or to receive referrals to local tradespeople, call: 547-3337. Visit The Trades Guild web site at [www.tradesguild.com](http://www.tradesguild.com).

Bonnie Headlee is executive director of The Trades Guild a free referral service for locating quality home improvement professionals.

## Redesign

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offer room enhancement. Factors such as high ceilings, windows, colors and harmony between adjoining rooms are not taken into full consideration."

It might be difficult for any of us to let a complete stranger into our home to rearrange our living situation. Yet the method here is simple and unimposing. Eileen Halliburton and RE-DESIGNS provides an initial consultation to determine your lifestyle and objectives.

The scope and cost of the job is determined beforehand with little or no leftover furniture. "Often an extra piece from one room will be needed and best utilized in another in order to make you completely comfortable in the redesigned rooms," says Halliburton.

Although RE-DESIGNS promises to complete their task without any new purchases, they can remedy any special situations with a complete list of resources for furnishings and artisan/crafts people who work on the home. A complete list of upholsterers, painters, wallpaper specialists and furniture stores with the best quality, prices and selections is available as part of their service.

RE-DESIGNS desire to bring this expertise to Bay Area residents led to the creation of the Western Association of Placement and Design. WAPD was formed last year to facilitate public awareness of this profession in the Bay Area.

The members of WAPD are a diverse, dynamic group of vendors whose expertise is rivaled only by their enthusiasm for the concepts put forward by Eileen and REDESIGNS.

WAPD secretary, Clare Boisneau, of Interior Arrangement in Danville says "We deal

with people who have never been quite happy with their belongings and the arrangement in their home. People feel great after we provide them with our rearrangement services."

Karen Luster of Sebastopol has been with WAPD since its inception and describes her satisfied clients as finding their homes a "place to recharge and be nurtured" after just a one-day service from her company.

Halliburton likes the variety involved in her work and the fact that each customer, each home and each neighborhood is different. "My business philosophy is where a piece of furniture is placed is more important than what the piece is," she says. "A modest home can be just as inviting as a richly furnished home. Harmony is the most important ingredient in design."

Judging from the list of recommendations from delighted clients and their families, it is clear the WAPD is onto something. In the final end, RE-DESIGNS motto rings true: "Revive Your Home With What You Own", and find yourself saying, "I have never been so happy with a room."

Look for more information about Eileen Halliburton's and RE-DESIGNS community involvement with the Children's League, and La Vincenza for Homeless Women in her upcoming columns.

For a full listing of local members of the Western Association for Placement and Design in your area, please contact Eileen Halliburton at: RE-DESIGNS, 763-1829.



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## Red Cross tax C

Often people find they can enjoy significant tax and financial benefits — along with the satisfaction of giving back to their community — by contributing to their favorite charities. The American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter offers these timely tips to help ease the tax bite.

Make a gift to charity. The simplest way to give is to write a check. If you itemize, the amount of your gift can be a charitable deduction on your income tax return. If you can not use the full amount of the deduction this year, you can use it over the next five years. In addition, the charity can use your gift immediately to support its vital work.

While the 1997 Tax Act has reduced capital-gains tax from 28 to 20 percent for securities held for more than 18 months, the 20 percent tax is still a significant part of your earnings.

You can completely avoid the federal capital gains tax on your appreciated stocks and securities by using these securities to make a gift to charity.

For example, Mrs. Ward bought some stock a few years ago for \$4,000. It is now worth \$10,000. If she sells her stock, Mrs. Ward will have to pay \$1,200 in capital gains tax on her profit of \$6,000. However, if Mrs. Ward donates that stock to the Red Cross, she will completely avoid the tax on her profit and receive a tax deduction of \$10,000 — the full current stock value.

If she had owned stock that had gone down in value, she can have

sold it and taken a capital loss deduction. She could then use the proceeds to receive a charitable contribution, too.

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## Auto briefs...

**Washington**—A plan to give federal tax credits to buyers of unspecified fuel-efficient vehicles is being studied by the Clinton administration.

The administration is flying a trial balloon to sample support from environmental groups.

President Clinton is considering adding such a credit to his fiscal 1999 budget. According to automakers, the government must help energy-efficient products succeed in the marketplace if it is serious about cutting greenhouse-gas emissions.

**Madrid, Spain**—Jose Ignacio Lopez, former Volkswagen AG and General Motors executive remains in intensive care after being seriously injured Jan. 9 in a car crash. The controversial Lopez, who was accused of stealing company secrets when he jumped from GM to VW, suffered extensive head injuries when an Audi 80 in which he was a front-seat passenger collided with a truck in the north-

ern Spanish city of Burgos.

The driver and another passenger in the Lopez vehicle received minor injuries. Lopez was purchasing chief for GM when he was lured to VW in 1993. He became the center of industrial espionage allegations.

**Detroit**—The work force of General Motors Europe will be cut by 20 to 30 percent during the next five years. Lou Hughes, president of GM International Operations, said the cuts will be made through attrition and voluntary retirements, not forced layoffs.

According to Hughes, GM plans to slash distribution and manufacturing costs and is considering shifting supply sources from the United Kingdom to the European continent.

**Detroit**—Jesse Jackson will open an office on pressuring auto companies to create business opportunities for minorities. The civil rights leader met with members of the National Association of Minority Automobile Dealers and the National Association of Black Automotive Suppli-

ers early in January to discuss groundwork for the bow/PUSH Coalition. Michigan-Detroit Jackson said the coalition has purchased several automobiles to give it a voice in stockholder meetings.

**Detroit**—A special conversion that began as a concept vehicle, Chevrolet S10 Xtreme, is slated to reach dealers as a 1999 model. Chevrolet described the Xtreme as a "blank canvas" on which owners can paint their own vision and 16-inch aluminum wheels.

The Xtreme features Chevy's ZQ8 suspension, two inches lower than the base model. Using the factory conversion, owners will have to worry about buying a botched rider conversion that might result in a warranty, according to Chevrolet.

## Century

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roads that surround our home area. Just don't push it too hard and it will respond nicely. It features four-wheel independent suspension; a handy home mechanic could probably tweak the Century and turn it into a very sporty vehicle.

We were properly impressed by the magnetic variable-effort steering system, standard on Limited models.

This system uses a combination of electronics, hydraulics and electromagnetics to adjust steering effort to suit road speed. And this provides the Century with the necessary power for parking and provides the vehicle with excellent road feel on the highway.

Under the hood is a sequential fuel injected V-6 producing 160 horsepower at 5,200 rpm and 185 ft./lbs. of torque at 4,000 rpm.

It proved smooth under almost all conditions and didn't seem to be overworked on steep mountain roads. It makes no pretense of being a street racer, but what you give up in power you get back in fuel economy.

Our test car, the top-of-the-line Limited averaged 23.9 miles per gallon in combined driving conditions. The EPA rates it as 20 mpg city and 29 mpg highway. We consider this excellent for a midsize sedan.

Mated to the engine is a 4-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission with the shift lever mounted on the steering

column.

It is smooth, but both of us found the shift lever took too much pressure to use. We believe it is this particular vehicle because over the years we've used several GM steering column mounted levers and never encountered this problem.

Stopping power is provided by disc brakes up front and drums in the rear with an anti-lock brake system (ABS) being standard equip-

ment. washer and the cruise control unit. A button on the left side of the dash operates the headlights.

Both the air conditioner and sound system, which includes a single CD player, are located high on the dash. Secondary controls for the sound system are located on the steering wheel spokes, very handy...but!

If you steer in the nine/three position as we do, you seem to hit the controls and find yourself either unwittingly listening to a new radio station or unknowingly turning up the volume. The cure is simple! Just drive with your hands in the ten/two position.

An extensive list of standard equipment is provided for both the base and Limited models.

These include power outside rearview mirrors, center storage armrest, power windows, map pockets on front and rear doors, illuminated door-mounted switches, and features lockout protection (it prevents the driver from being locked outside when the key is in the ignition).

There is also a larger capacity battery with run-down protection available. With 16.7 cubic feet of storage space in the trunk, the Century is certainly capable of carrying enough luggage for all those longer trips.

We prejudged the Century wrong. It is a capable of providing excellent every day transportation.

For those of us who demand a more sporty approach, we'll just have to dig somewhat deeper into our wallets so we could afford that supercharged Regal.

### We prejudged the Century wrong. It is a capable of providing excellent every day transportation.

ment. We know that to keep costs down you can't have everything, but it would be nice if having disc brakes all-around was either a standard feature or available as an option.

The Century's interior is both roomy and pleasant. We were pleasantly surprised at the comfortable split front bench seat. It was much more supportive than expected. Even after a 150-mile trip neither of us experienced fatigue.

Three adults fit in the rear bench seat but we expect that they would be crowded on a longer trip.

The instrument panel with analog gauges is minimal with gauges for temperature and fuel plus a speedometer and odometer.

Some may bemoan the fact that no tachometer is included, but it is our opinion that who needs one with an automatic transmission on board.

Controls are simple. A single stalk on the left side of the steering column controls, turn signals, high beams, windshield wiper/

## Buick Century specifications

Type: 4-door sedan

Base price: \$19,575

As tested: \$23,040

Options on test car:

- 15-in. aluminum wheels (\$375);
- Radio with power load CD and cassette (\$200);
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4. Rear seat armrest,

5. trunk convenience net,
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10. six-way power driver and passenger seat.

### Engine

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- Displacement: 191 cu.in.
- Horsepower: 160 bhp @ 5,200 rpm
- Torque: 185 ft./lbs @ 4,000 rpm

### Transmission

4-speed electronically controlled automatic/overdrive  
Steering  
Power-assisted rack-and-pinion with Magnasteer  
Brakes  
Power-assisted front discs, rear drums with ABS

- Wheelbase: 109 in.
- Overall length: 194.6 in.
- Width: 72.7 in.
- Height: 56.6 in.
- Track, front/rear: 62.0/61.1 in.
- Curb weight: 3,335 lbs.
- Fuel capacity: 17 gal.
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## Tahoe

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preventive maintenance, people ignore car-care procedures that can keep them out of repair shops. This can often result in delays or, worse, a roadside breakdown rather than a safe trip.

A few moments taken to refresh your car-care knowledge can help you feel not only safer but more confident on the road.

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# Lessons from the other side of Atlantic

## Drive, She Said

By Denise McClagne

Take a deep breath, exhale, and say 'Have a nice day.' Years ago in England, I curved down a ramp and as the passageway narrowed a

sign overhead read: "Drive Nicely." How very British, I thought, this land noted for orderly queues and "after you" gestures taken to comic extremes requesting that drivers be courteous and pleasant.

Actually, the sign was advising drivers to mind their fenders and steer with

precision in this restricted space. This use of the word "nicely" is not common on my side of the Atlantic.

But I thought what a jolly good idea, anyway. (Yes, "jolly" was my very thought.) Drive nicely, indeed.

Everyday I see ways in which driving would be a pleasure and less a chore if drivers drove more "nicely." That doesn't mean being any less enterprising in claiming their space on the roadway, but just driving with greater awareness of how they can make life easier on the road for everyone, including themselves, lowering the general tension level that fuels so-called "road rage." Here are some "nice" ideas.

**Use the wave**  
Amazing what goodwill you can create with a mere wave of the hand. Your "after you" gesture might even be so unexpected it draws a "no, after you" return wave. For which, of course, you wave your thanks.

**Acknowledge signals**

For instance, when the car in front of you signals a turn

off a busy street, let the driver know you've seen it by noticeably slowing to allow comfort space. The early easing off protects you too, in case the turn the car makes is into a drive short of the upcoming intersection.

**Close up on the green**

When you are in a string of cars passing through a green light close up the space between your car and the one ahead. This doesn't mean riding their bumper, but just taking up the slack so that the cars behind you have a fair chance of making the light, too.

**Make room for turning cars**

On a multi-lane highway or city street you notice a car waiting to turn into your street from a parking lot or side street. Traffic allowing, flick your signal and move into the other lane thus freeing a place for the waiting car.

**"Widen" the road**

If you notice that a stopped vehicle, slow-moving bicyclists or the like are

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# 'King of Late Night' drives Bentley

## Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

Before the bright lights of Hollywood beckoned Tonight Show host Jay Leno, he toiled away under the hoods of Rolls-Royce, Mercedes-Benz and Citroen in New England.

Although the mechanical work was satisfying, it didn't take long for Leno to decide that to own these beauties a career change would be required.

Years later, after the former mechanic had gone on to more lucrative lines of work and had settled in California, he began to entertain thoughts of acquiring collectible automobiles.

Leno kept coming back to the early Bentleys, the ones built by W.O. himself before the financial squeeze came in 1931. Bentley earned his reputation by producing super powerful quality automobiles. After World War I, he used design features based on racing and

aircraft-engine practice. Each of the early Bentleys came with an elegant radiator shell designed by F. Gordon Crosley, who also created the famous winged "B" badge.

Just 100 of the two-seat racing Bentleys were built — each one powered by an enormous 8-liter, six-cylinder engine, Leno believes only 42 still exist. He had to get one.

"The last days of old technology are usually better than the first days of new technology," he claims.

Searching the world over Leno at last located a British Racing Green 1931 two-seat Bentley in Great Britain.

"It had been in a museum-type setting for about 20 years," the entertainer says. "Everything was there, but it didn't work."

Once he got the 3,700-pound car home to California the real fun began. The racy-looking car with four cycle fenders looked marvelous. The only problem was hardly anything functioned.

Three latches on each side of the L-O-N-G engine hood are released in order to

remove the hood with 20 louverers on each side.

With easy access to the engine, the three S.U. carburetors were rebuilt so they could once more draw fuel from the 22-gallon tank and feed it to the engine to develop 300-horsepower and 506 pounds/feet of torque.

Leno reports mileage of between 10 and 11 1/2-miles per gallon. He adds, "This car pulls like a train."

Stopping a car is often more difficult than starting it. "A power booster on mechanical brakes works through a very complicated series of levers and cranks." After several exasperating months of failures a relieved owner says, "We finally got it working right."

"They should be finned brakes," Leno explains, but somewhere along the line they were lost. "These work all right."

With the engine rebuilt, Leno eagerly climbed aboard his doorless Bentley using the exterior step plate, with a "B" in the center, for a test drive.

"As I drove down the street I heard boink, boink, boink as the wire spokes broke and popped off."

The wheels were sent back to England for some remedial spoke work.

When they returned, a new set of 7x19-inch tires were mounted. Leaf springs on each wheel in conjunction with modern shock absorbers make the car stable. The modern shock absorbers are wrapped in leather gaithers to preserve the appearance of authenticity.

The speedometer can record speeds up to 135 mph. "I've had it up to about 125 mph by the speedometer and it's still pulling."

Leno has since learned his racy, 11 1/2-foot-wheelbase, two-seater didn't always have the sleek coachwork with the beautifully sculpted tail by Smith and Cave.

He is particularly fond of the curvaceous tail of his car. At one time it reportedly had an ambulance body, probably during war-time, and at another time it was owned by Australian race car driver "Jumbo" Goddard.

"I change the oil every 1,000 miles or so," states this car collector. He uses straight 50w oil and a lot of it. Each oil change consumes

but this isn't about rights, it's about being nice.

**Pull into the intersection when waiting to make left**

Wait for oncoming traffic. Then pull out into the intersection to be ready for either the stream of cars to slacken adequately for a safe crossing, or for the yellow light to stop them.

Pausing a beat to make certain they stop, you can then complete your turn before the light goes green for the cross traffic. Time saved for you and for the grateful drivers behind you.

**Consider splash potential**

Few streets drain really well and potholes collect tubs of water. Watch for these on rainy days and dodge them or take them slowly to avoid spraying pedestrians, particularly taking corners where walkers wait to cross the street.

Slow down on inundated roadways as well, not only to lessen the risk of hydroplaning, but to avoid blinding other drivers with a muddy cascade of water.

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# Is high octane worth the price?

When you pull into a gas station to fill your car's tank, you almost always have several choices of gasoline.

The majority of pumps usually offer a product called "regular." Other pumps, those labeled "premium," or "super," deliver a product that sells at a price about 12 to 13 percent higher than the price of "regular."

The difference in name and price is based on the gasoline's "octane"—with regular gasoline having an octane of at least 87 and the premium or

super fuels having an octane ranging from 89 to 95.

How can you tell which gasoline is best for your car? First you should understand a little about octane itself.

What is octane?

Octane actually has two definitions. The chemical definition is a flammable hydrocarbon liquid that along with other hydrocarbons—pentane, hexane, heptane, and many others—is refined from crude oil and makes up the blend of chemical components called gasoline.

The second definition is related to the car's engine.

Octane is a measure of a fuel's tendency to resist knocking or ping when it is burned in the cylinder of an engine. This octane rating is not based on the amount of octane in the gasoline.

It is called octane because pure hydrocarbon octane is a knock standard, rating of 100.

Gasoline, made of a blend of octane and other hydrocarbons, may have a higher lower rating depending on the blend.

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taking up some of the opposite lane and seriously narrowing the path of cars approaching you, move well to the right to give them room to get by without stopping or endangering the cyclists.

**Pass at appropriate speeds**

On a multi-lane highway when passing another vehicle don't inch past with your cruise control set a shade faster than the car you are passing. That dams up other cars behind you and raises the general level of ire.

Without disturbing your precious cruise control setting you can step on the gas, accelerate past your joined-at-the-fender companion and move into the right lane. Then let up on the accelerator and allow the car to return to your cruise setting.

If you don't want to speed up a tad to clear the passing lane, then brake and pull in behind the other vehicle. The point is, get over. Yes, you have a "right" to mosey along creating a roadblock,

# Extending your car's life

## Driving tips to help your car perform better

Regular maintenance is important for keeping your car in good shape, but there are a few other things you can do to extend its life.

1. Do not crank the starter motor for over 15 seconds at a time. Continual cranking causes the starter motor to overheat and shortens its life.

2. If you carry heavy loads often in your trunk or trailer, you may be in need of extra strong shock absorbers.

3. Contrary to popular belief, "severe" driving conditions are not long distances at sports car speeds. Instead, stop-and-go, all-around-town driving is much harder on the car.

Driving on the freeway will keep your car in better condition than driving around town. A car driven regularly in stop-and-go conditions should be treated to a freeway drive at least once a week.

4. Don't ride the brakes, and never leave your parking brake on when you are driving. Also, heavy and

sudden stops will shorten the life of the brakes.

5. If you have a manual transmission, always push the clutch all the way to the floor. When stopping for more than 30 seconds, put the car in neutral and take your foot off the clutch to avoid overheating. Also, do not use the clutch to hold you on a hill.

6. Try not to let the car idle with the transmission in gear. Either put the car in neutral and use the emergency brake or shift into park.

7. If you have a flat and must use your spare tire, get a new one as soon as possible. Keeping your spare on for too long can put more strain on your car's suspension system.

8. If the engine is running at a high idle speed, don't shift your automatic transmission into gear. A hard clunk when you shift means you're giving too much gas or the car is idling too high. Tap the gas pedal quickly and slow

Just doing these few things will extend your car's life and cause fewer headaches the long run.

down the engine.

9. It's not a good idea to turn on your lights before starting your car. Make sure all electricals are off in order to draw your battery's power to the starter.

10. Take as few stops as possible. They generate the most wear and tear on the engine and are expensive because a cold engine just 30 to 40 percent of its mileage it does when warm.

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# Stalling car gets stall tactic

## The Auto Doctor

By Junior Damato

Dear Doctor: We own a 1989 Chrysler New Yorker. Last March, we took the car in for a regular tune-up. The plugs, wires, and fuel filter were replaced. When I picked the car up, it started stalling during stops. We took the car back to the shop for a scope test, and were told of a small transmission leak.

We already spent \$200 on the tune-up. I took the car to another shop for the transmission leak and they hooked the car to a machine to check the stalling problem, but couldn't find the source of the stalling.

They did say they could try something that would cost me \$200, with no guarantee. What should we do? Louise

Dear Louise: It sounds like something is being overlooked. You should take the car to a qualified shop. Contact your local AAA office for a list of AAA Approved Repair Shops, or go back to the local Chrysler dealer.

The EGR valve not closing fully is common due to rust and carbon buildup. This usually will not show up on a scan test. The stalling problem could be anything from a vacuum leak to a loose wire connection.

Dear Doctor: I cannot remove the water spots from the windshield. I have tried all kinds of cleaners. How can I get rid of these spots once and for all? Joy

Dear Joy: If the water spots have penetrated the top layer of the glass, the only person who may be able to remove the spotting is a professional glass technician.

He or she will use a special glass compound cleaner (like auto body shops use) with a special buffing wheel.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1989 Ford Taurus wagon. There is a smell of gasoline that comes

through the air ducts. I have had the car to a couple of shops with no problem found. Pat

Dear Pat: Mitchell On-Demand Database TSB#94-17-3 lists the exact symptom. The problem is that the fuel filter vapor tube is vented below the back seat area and the vapor fumes are sucked into the ventilation system. The new kit, priced at \$115, involves relocating the vapor line near the rear bumper to eliminate the smell. This bulletin covers the 1989 Taurus, Sable, and Continental.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Lumina Z-34 that I am preserving as a collector car. The car has 3000 miles on it. The owner's manual says to change the coolant every 24 months or 30,000 miles. The coolant looks clean and checks OK with a hydrometer. Do I need to flush the cooling system? I had the coolant flushed on another car and the bill said recycle coolant. What does this mean? Bill

Dear Bill: I do not think you need to replace the coolant at this time due to the low mileage. The recycle means the shop you went to does in fact recycle the coolant instead of replacing it with 100 percent new coolant. I prefer replacement of the coolant with brand new coolant, instead of the recycled coolant.

Use of some recycled coolant could void the warranty. Recycled means what it sounds like: your old coolant is put through a series of filters, and additives are replaced, then the coolant is returned to your engine cooling system.

As for keeping your Z-34 for an investment as a collector, I do not see any future in doing so.

Dear Doctor: I am considering the purchase of a VW Passat GLX sedan. What is your opinion? Stephanie

Dear Stephanie: The Volkswagen Passat will give you a firm ride and a lot of

road feedback. Unlike other import cars, the German line lets you feel the road and it is a good feel. The VR-6 engine is powerful and quiet.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1981 Oldsmobile Cutlass 3.8-liter V-6. I had the engine rebuilt eight months ago. There is a small puff of smoke and a slight flutter at idle. I use synthetic oil and it uses 1/4 quart of oil a month. How often should I change the oil? Rick

Dear Rick: The older 231 engines ran very lean at idle and would not always idle perfectly smoothly. It is not uncommon when starting for a slight puff of smoke to come from the oil seeping down the valve stems.

You can have the shop richen up the idle mixture by removing the idle mixture restrictors and raising the metering rod stop slightly.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 Camaro Z-28 six-speed that I have made some mild modifications. The problem I am having is a lot of tire spin from a standing start. I am considering a pair of B.F. Goodrich Drag Radials for the rear. What is your opinion on these tires? George

Dear George: BFG Drag Radials are great and will stick to the pavement like glue once you have heated them up. They are meant for straight courses, not road courses.

I have a set on both our 96 Impala SS and 96 Camaro Z-28. Both are very much modified, and run in the mid 12 second bracket with these street legal tires. The rubber compound is soft and under hard driving they will wear out a lot sooner than regular radials. Beware of reduced handling on corners and wet weather traction. A small price to pay for a street drag tire.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1988 Subaru GL automatic with 97,000 miles. The problem is intermittent no start when the engine is hot. I replaced both the starter and battery. Sometimes while driving off the highway onto the exit ramp the engine

will stall out. When I try to restart, all I get is a clicking sound. The engine will restart after it cools down. What is wrong? Judith

Dear Judith: It sounds like you have two different problems. The first is the no start clicking sound. You need to have the battery voltage checked at the battery and at the starter solenoid. A clicking sound from the starter usually indicates a faulty starter with low voltage because of poor connections. The replacement starter could be defective. The most common problem found in stalling coming off the highway is the EGR valve not closing fully, curb idle speed too low, vacuum leak, or carbon build up in the throttle body.

Dear Doctor: We live in California and own a 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass 350 V-8 with a 4 barrel Quadrajet.

A year ago, every time I shut the engine off after driving 10 miles there was a strong smell of gasoline. If I restarted the engine a couple of minutes later, it seemed the engine was slightly flooded.

I suspected the problem was the carburetor. I rebuilt it along with a new set of spark plugs. The problem still exists.

I looked down the carburetor when I shut the engine off and could see gas flowing out of the carburetor. What could be the problem? Mark

Dear Mark: Your California emission system is more complex than other states. If the float is set and working properly, the evaporative system could actually be creating a vacuum and sucking gasoline to the top of the carburetor float bowl.

The excess gas will leak out of the carburetor throat into the engine. I find the canister purge valve is a common problem on older GM vehicles.

Send questions about your ailing automobile to:

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## Hints for older se

Years of driving experience and more mature judgement help make older drivers much safer drivers than younger ones.

Knowing how to avoid dangerous situations, being more cautious and deliberate are almost second nature to most mature drivers.

However, age can bring not only more wisdom but also less visual acuity along with other physical changes that mean older drivers may need to pay much more attention to the skills needed for safety.

Here are a few hints to help older drivers remain safe:

- Maintain good health habits. Exercise, proper nutrition and regular medical check-ups keep

minds and bodies in top condition for driving.

- Stay alert. You must be in control at all times. Driving requires quick decisions. Resist becoming complacent just because driving has been a routine so many years.

- As much as possible, avoid roads where traffic is heavy.

- Exercise particular caution at night. Eighty percent of the information needed for safe driving comes through the eyes. Older eyes are often more sensitive to the glare, making headlights can suddenly bring on.

- Never mix alcohol with medications and driving.

- If you're buying a new car, invest in air bags and anti-lock brakes.

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